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SHOULD GET YOUR AUTOGRAPH, BIDEN TELLS MODI, PRAISING HIS POPULARITY

The US president says he's getting many requests from prominent Americans to meet the Indian prime minister during his upcoming US visit

'HAVE RUN OUT OF TICKETS FOR MODI EVENT'

US President Joe Biden is set to host Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a state dinner at the White House on June 22. "Next month, we have a dinner for you in Washington. Everyone in the whole country wants to come. I have run out of tickets," Biden told Modi during the Quad meeting in Hiroshima, joking: "You have caused me a real problem"

QUAD CALLS FOR PEACE IN INDO-PACIFIC

- Australian prime minister said he's also getting several requests from people wanting to attend a Modi event in Sydney this Tuesday
- During the Quad meeting, member countries called for "peace and stability" in the Indo-Pacific in a thinly-veiled attack on China over its aggressive tactics, and a peaceful resolution of the Ukraine

May 23

WHEN MODI WILL ARRIVE IN AUSTRALIA FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

Rescuers pull out the SUV that was stranded in the waterlogged underpass near KR Circle after a heavy rainfall in Bengaluru on Sunday (left). Chief Minister Siddaramaiah visits the underpass where a 22-year-old woman lost her life | EXPRESS

Woman dies in flooded B'luru underpass

Infosys employee, 6 relatives were out on a city tour in taxi; 24mm rain pounds city

AKNISREE KARTHIK
@ Bengaluru

A 22-year-old woman, working with Infosys in Bengaluru, died after an SUV in which she was travelling along with six of her relatives got stuck in the flooded KR Circle underpass, less than a kilometre away from the state's seat of power – Vidhana Soudha -- in Bengaluru on Sunday.

The deceased, Battula Bhanurekha, and her relatives had hired a taxi and were out sightseeing when their taxi got stranded in the flooded underpass. Her relatives had come to the city on Friday and wanted to spend the weekend with her.

The underpass, which connects Dr Ambedkar Road with Nrupatunga Road, started flooding rapidly as the city received 24 mm rain within one hour on Sunday afternoon. The taxi driver, who was passing through the underpass around 3.45 pm, failed to gauge the depth of water and tried to speed through it. But the vehicle got stranded midway with six passengers, including Bhanurekha, stuck inside. As the water level started rising quickly, the stranded passengers were unable to come out of the vehicle, and they started screaming for help.

A reporter with a private Kannada TV channel, who heard their cries, immediately alerted the police and also sought help from people around. Some jumped in, helped the passengers come out of the car and made them stand on top of the vehicle. Some women also gave their sarees to the people involved in the rescue operation.

Among initial rescuers was Mahesha P, a head constable with the Karnataka State Industrial Security Force. He stopped his police jeep and dove into the water to help the stranded. He told *The New Indian Express* that the doors of the SUV were jammed and could not be opened. He and other citizen-rescuers helped all the six passengers and the driver out. But it took longer to pull out Bhanurekha as they had to break the windshield, he said.

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LIGHTNING KILLS BOY IN KOPPAL

Koppal: A 16-year-old boy from Shivapur village in Koppal died after being hit by lightning bolt on Sunday evening. The police said the deceased, Srikanth Doddagoudar, had come to the village to attend a marriage. When it started raining, he took shelter under a tree. When lightning struck the tree, he collapsed. He was rushed to a hospital, where he was declared brought dead.

NIA arrests JeM operative ahead of G20 meet in J&K

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN a major breakthrough, a day before the G20 tourism meeting in Srinagar, the NIA on Sunday arrested a Jaish-e-Mohammad operative who was sharing sensitive information about the movement of troops with his Pakistani handlers.

According to an NIA spokesman, the agency's sleuths arrested Jaish operative Mohammad Ubaid Malik of Kupwara for his involvement in the terror-related conspiracy.

"He was in constant touch with a Pakistan based-JeM Commander. Investigations revealed that he was passing on secret information, especially regarding the movement of security forces to the Pak-based commander. Incriminating documents show his involvement in furtherance of terror activities in J&K has been recovered from him," he said.

The arrest came hours ahead of the start of G20 tourism working group meeting in Srinagar on Monday. The third G20 tourism working group meeting under India's presidency is being held in Srinagar between May 22 and 24 at Sheri-Kashmir International Conference Centre on the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar.

Indian paramilitary troopers patrol Dal Lake on Sunday in Srinagar | PTI

About 200 guests, including foreign delegates and select Indian officials, would stay at Taj Vivanta and Lalit Grand Palace hotels on the banks of Dal Lake. The delegates are expected to visit the Mughal gardens, botanical garden, Royal Springs Golf Course and Polo View for sightseeing. They would also enjoy a Shikara ride.

However, planned visits by delegates to the world-famous ski resort of Gulmarg and Dachigam National Park have been cancelled on account of security concerns. Police had in April arrested an overground worker of Jaish Farooq Ahmad Wani, who was working in a five-star hotel in Srinagar as a driver. The officials, however, attributed the dropping of venues to the busy schedule of the delegates.

Heavy security arrangements have been put in place for the G20 event, including the deployment of anti-drone systems. It will be the first major international event in J&K after the dilution of Article 370.

The road from the airport to the G20 venue has been spruced up for the big event.

NO VIP CULTURE

Don't stop traffic for me: Siddu tells cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A day after swearing-in as chief minister, Siddaramaiah on Sunday announced that he will not opt for zero-traffic for the movement of his vehicles in Bengaluru.

He has asked Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Pratap Reddy not to stop traffic completely to allow his convoy to move. "I have taken the decision after seeing the problems faced by the people travelling along the stretch where there are restrictions due to zero traffic," he tweeted. It was widely appreciated by netizens.

The zero-traffic facility is given to VIPs, including the chief minister, where the traffic police stop all other vehicles from taking the route the VIP would be travelling in.

Siddaramaiah also tweeted, "I have decided not to accept flowers or shawls from people who often give it as a mark of respect. This is during both personal and public events. People can give books if they want to express their love and respect in the form of gifts. May all your love and affection continue to be on me."

Gill puts a dagger through Bangalore hearts

Opener produces an incandescent innings to dump Bangalore out of the Indian Premier League (IPL) after Virat Kohli's own ton lit the stage. A look...

Shubman Gill is ecstatic after his unbeaten 100 took the Gujarat Titans past Bangalore on Sunday | SPORTZPICS

PRINCE AND KING LIGHT UP CHINNASWAMY

After the heavens stopped, a heavenly Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill treated the crowd to an exhibition of white-ball batting. After Kohli, who was the one-man band as far as the Bangalore batting was concerned, scored a second consecutive 100, Gill, if anything, matched his India senior stroke for stroke. Chasing 198 on another batting track, Gujarat ran into choppy waters before Gill took over control in the back-end of the second innings to hit his first 100 of the season. P13

QUALIFIER AND ELIMINATOR

QUALIFIER 1: May 23 Chennai VS Gujarat at Chennai

ELIMINATOR: May 24 Lucknow VS Mumbai at Chennai

THE LOSER OF QUALIFIER 1 WILL FACE WINNER OF ELIMINATOR IN QUALIFIER 2 ON MAY 26 AT AHMEDABAD

GREEN SYMPHONY

One of the most expensive players in the history of the league, it's fair to say Cam Green has promised without delivering in a big way. He changed that on Sunday with a thrill-a-minute 100 that helped them overhaul a target of 201 with two overs to spare. He was helped ably by the uncapped Akash Madhwal whose 4/37 put the skids on the Hyderabad scoring.

WILL DEFEAT ORDINANCE IN 2024 SEMI-FINAL: KEJRIWAL

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE row over the Centre's ordinance to bypass a Supreme Court order that gave the Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP government in Delhi control over bureaucrats seems headed for a political show of strength. On Sunday, JD(U) leader and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar called on the AAP leader to extend support in his fight against the Centre on the issue.

"How can the Centre take away the state's rights, which were given by the SC? We will unite as many Opposition parties as possible and run a nationwide campaign against the ordinance," Nitish said.

RJD leader and Bihar deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav was also present at the meeting, held at Kejriwal's residence

The development comes a day after the big show of Opposition unity at the swearing-in ceremony of the new Congress government Karnataka.

Having secured Nitish's support, Kejriwal will now meet other Opposition leaders such as West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on May 23, Sena leader Uddhav Thackeray on May 24 and NCP supremo Sharad Pawar on May 25.

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar calls on his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday | PTI

Pawar says K'taka results show situation changing

Mumbai: The Nationalist Conrgess Party leader Sharad Pawar on Sunday said the results of the Karnataka Assembly elections show the situation is gradually changing. The veteran leader said if the working class remains strong and united, what was seen in the Karnataka Assembly polls can be replicated elsewhere

Kejriwal said the ordinance can be defeated in the Rajya Sabha if all Opposition parties vote against it. "If it is defeated, it will be a semi-final of the 2024 elections. A message will be sent out to the country that BJP will not be able to return in 2024," he said.

The AAP government and the Centre are locked in a fight for control of Delhi's administrative services. The Centre had promulgated the ordinance on Friday to create a National Capital Civil Service Authority for the transfer and posting of bureaucrats in Delhi.

While several opposition parties have termed the ordinance an attack on the federal structure of the country, Nitish, who spearheads the Opposition unity project, said he will try to unite all parties against the Centre's move to curtail the power of states.

When asked if the Congress will join the campaign against the ordinance, Kumar said he will speak to the grand old party's leadership on the issue.

EXPRESS READ

Modi, Sunak review bilateral strategic ties

HIROSHIMA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday held productive talks with his British counterpart Rishi Sunak during which they reviewed the bilateral strategic partnership, including progress in India-UK FTA negotiations. The two leaders also agreed to deepen bilateral cooperation.

Baby food brands break marketing rules: Report

NEW DELHI: At least 15 infant food brands in India are using social media and influencers to promote products like infant milk substitutes in violation of Infant Milk Substitute Act, which bans all forms of promotion of foods for infants under age of 24 months, a child welfare NGO alleged in a report on Sunday | P9

Prez, not PM, must open new Parl building: Rahul

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said the President should inaugurate the new Parliament building and not the Prime Minister. PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate the new Parliament on May 28. Senior Congress leader Anand Sharma and some other opposition leaders were also of the same view.

DESTINATION MOON

Mid-July launch date for ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 lunar mission

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

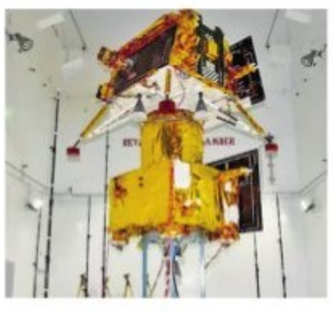
THE Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced that it is aiming to launch its Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft in the middle of July, likely on July 12.

The Chandrayaan-3 is the third planned launch in the Chandrayaan space programme. It's a follow-up to the launch of the Chandrayaan-2 in 2019, which consisted of a lunar orbiter, a soft lander and a rover.

However, during the Chandrayaan-2 mission, the soft lander had failed, which was attributed to a software glitch. The Chandrayaan-3 will be another attempt at demonstrating the capabilities of the soft lander, rover and a propulsion module.

According to ISRO officials, the mission launch date is likely July 12, with the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft attempting a soft landing near the lunar south pole on August 23. The spacecraft will also be competing with the Russian-made Luna 25, which has a launch date of July 13.

Currently, preparations are on for the launch of the Chandrayaan-3. It completed all necessary testing as of March this year. The Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft has been equipped to collect samples of the lunar surface as well as readings on seismic activity, the lunar environment and elemental compositions, near the landing site. Interestingly, while the Chandrayaan-2 was equipped with an orbiter, lander and rover, the third mission will have a lander, rover and propulsion module. According to ISRO officials, the propulsion module will also act as a communications relay satellite.



The mission is aimed at demonstrating ISRO's capabilities in landing a spacecraft on the Moon, specifically for a collaboration with Japan in the proposed Lunar Polar Exploration Mission. The two countries will work on collecting, sampling and analysing lunar materials. The Lunar Polar Exploration Mission, or Chandrayaan-4, is expected to be launched by 2025, where the proposed lunar lander and rover will try to explore the south pole of the Moon.

The Chandrayaan, or Indian Lunar Exploration, programme was conceived of in 2003 and was announced by the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

COMPETITION WITH RUSSIA

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INS Vikrant makes first docking at Kadamba

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S @ Karwar

THE India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier -- INS Vikrant -- that arrived in Karwar was successfully berthed at the newly constructed Aircraft Carrier Pier at Kadamba Naval Base on Sunday.

The Navy's official Twitter handle hailed it as a landmark in enhancing ship-berthing capacity at the Karwar base.

The arrival of INS Vikrant here was speculated way back in 2020, even before the aircraft carrier began its sea trials. INS Vikrant was built at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) at Kochi in Kerala, and has a displacement of 40,000 tonnes. It is 262 metre long with a 62 metre beam.

INS Vikrant after it docks in Karwar

The latest INS Vikrant, which was planned in 1997, is a tribute to India's first aircraft carrier INS Vikrant, which was retired the same year. P4

ALMANAC TODAY
Monday: 22/05/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Grishma • Masa: Jyeshta • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Thrutheeya 9.50 pm • Nakshatra: Mrigashira 9.37 am • Moon in Kataka Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER MIN 22°C | MAX 33°C
FORECAST: Showers late. Cloudy.
Sunrise 5.53 am | Sunset 6.39 pm | Moonrise 7.51 am | Moonset 9.50 pm

DOWNPOUR LEAVES CITIZENS IN DISTRESS

- Houses in Mahalakshmi Layout, other low-lying areas flooded
- BBMP gets 70 calls, majority about tree fall, traffic jams, power outages
- IMD forecasts rain in most parts of Karnataka over next five days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

SUNDAY afternoon's downpour not only stranded people on the roads, but also held them hostage in their homes.

Residents of Mahalakshmi Layout in Marapannapalya complained that water gushed into 15-20 houses in the area. They said it was completely unexpected as roads in the area were recently tarred and BBMP officials had claimed to have desilted the drains.

"Every time it rains, we are worried what will happen to us. There is no safety at all," said a resident of the area.

Those living in other low-lying areas were similarly trapped. While water did not enter all homes, vehicles were stuck in the floodwaters. Commuters from most parts of the city complained that they had to struggle through water-logged roads to reach their destination.

BBMP officials reached Mahalakshmi Layout to clear water from flooded houses. However, citizens complained that they arrived after the rain reduced, and they had cleared it themselves. The BBMP used pumpsets to do the same.

The BBMP Control Room received more than 70 distress calls. Over 50 calls were about fallen trees and branches blocking roads and causing traffic jams, and in some cases, had come down on houses. Wall collapse incidents were also reported, including one in Malleswaram, near Govt Girls' School and PU College.

Most complaints were received from West Zone (46) and were largely about fallen trees blocking roads. A BMTC bus narrowly escaped a mishap when a tree fell on JC Road, near Vijayanagar.

There were 19 calls from East Zone complaining about water-logging. BBMP Special Commissioners took timely updates of the rainfall, and assembled teams to clear the roads.

A complaint was registered in Rajajinagar where a metal sheet flew into a tree, damaging its branches and posing a risk of falling. Officials rushed to the spot to clear the road.

BBMP coordinated with other departments through WhatsApp groups for quick action. Residents also complained of power cuts. Bescom officials said due to the weather situation and complaints of tree branches falling on poles and lines, power snapped in some places. Work to restore power supply started soon after rain receded.

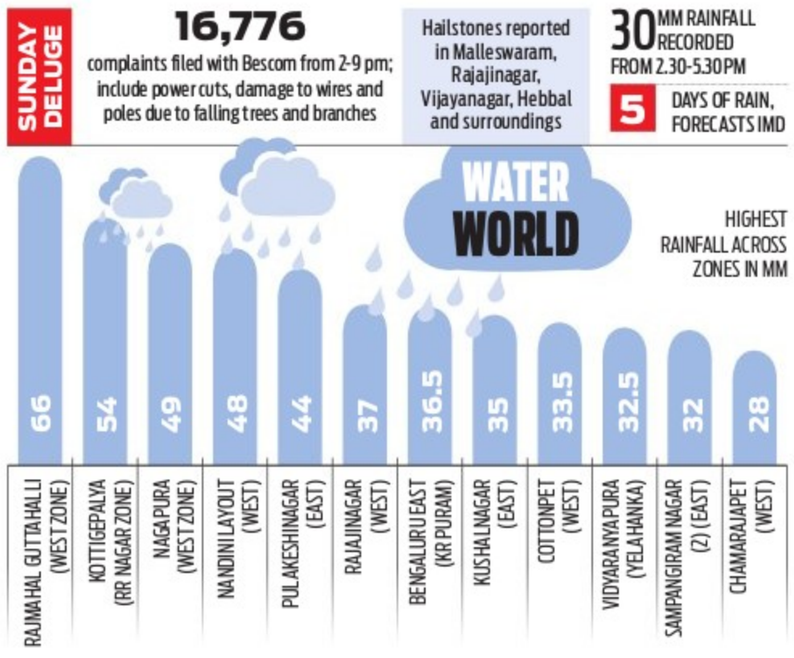
A woman walks with her kid after the rain subsides. A fallen tree at Visvesvaraya Technical University on Sunday (right) | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

> I was heartbroken to hear the news of a death... The new government should immediately issue strict orders to BBMP officials to make necessary arrangements to prevent damage caused by rain.
>
> Basavaraj Bommai, former CM

> BBMP officials should immediately conduct a comprehensive inspection of all underpasses across the city, dispose of garbage and ensure smooth drainage of rainwater.
>
> HD Kumaraswamy, former CM

FLIGHTS DIVERTED DUE TO DOWNPOUR

Heavy rains that lashed Bengaluru airport since Sunday noon forced the diversion of five flights. Three IndiGo flights and one Air Asia flight were diverted to Chennai, while one Star Air flight was diverted to Hyderabad, said a spokesperson of airport operator, Bengaluru International Airport Limited (BIAL). According to an Indigo spokesperson, a flight from Chennai which took off at 2.12 pm was reverted midway due to poor weather in Bengaluru. Flights headed to Bengaluru from Kolkata, which departed at 12.59 pm, and Pune, which departed at 1.57 pm, were rerouted to Chennai. Star Air flight from Kalaburagi scheduled to reach Terminal 2 was diverted to Hyderabad, said an airline source. Air Asia spokesperson said a flight from Chennai also had to be sent back.


SUNDAY DELUGE
16,776
complaints filed with Bescom from 2-9 pm; include power cuts, damage to wires and poles due to falling trees and branches
Hailstones reported in Malleswaram, Rajajinagar, Vijayanagar, Hebbal and surroundings
30 MM RAINFALL RECORDED FROM 2.30-5.30 PM
5 DAYS OF RAIN, FORECASTS IMD
WATER WORLD
HIGHEST RAINFALL ACROSS ZONES IN MM
66 RAJMAHAL GUTTAHALLI (WEST ZONE)
54 KOTTIGEPALYA (RR NAGAR ZONE)
49 NAGAPURA (WEST ZONE)
48 NANDINI LAYOUT (WEST)
44 PULAKESHINAGAR (EAST)
37 RAJAJINAGAR (WEST)
36.5 BENGALURU EAST (KR PURAM)
35 KUSHALNAGAR (EAST)
33.5 COTTONPET (WEST)
32.5 VIDYARANYAPURA (YELAHANKA)
32 SAMPANGIRAM NAGAR (2) (EAST)
28 CHAMARAJAPET (WEST)

3 hrs, 30mm: Rain, wind, thunder, hail rock city

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru:

IN just three hours on Sunday – from 2.30pm to 5.30pm -- Bengaluru recorded 30mm rainfall. It was accompanied by thunder, lightning, hail and strong winds.

Many parts of Bengaluru came under hailstones, especially in North and West Bengaluru, including Malleswaram, Rajajinagar, Shivajinagar, Mehkri Circle, Hebbal, Yeshwantpur, Banaswadi, Magadi Road and surrounding areas. The sudden downpour led to flooding in most parts of the city, and also power cuts.

"Winds were strong and gusty, and the sky was overcast. It felt like 6pm even at 3pm. Suddenly there was loud thunder, coupled with lightning, and then a sudden heavy downpour. We could see cars suddenly coming to a halt on the road," said Mayank Agarwal, a resident of Rajajinagar.

According to India Meteorological Department officials, while Bengaluru city recorded thundershowers on Sunday afternoon, other parts of south interior Karnataka experienced light to moderate rainfall, including the districts of Kolar, Tumakuru and Chikkaballapur.

As per IMD data, the city had recorded 30mm rainfall till 5.30pm, while HAL airport recorded 25.1mm and KIA recorded 8.6mm. Till 8.30pm, the city recorded 31.4mm and HAL airport recorded 26.5mm rainfall. An intense spell of rain was reported from 3.30-4pm, when most parts of the city recorded 24mm rainfall. "Such thundershowers in the city are normal, especially in the month of May, as part of pre-monsoon showers. The rainfall on Saturday and Sunday was because of local deep convection, where cumino nimbus clouds had formed deep in the atmosphere. There was also a sheer zone, coupled with moisture in the air and instability, there were hailstones and thundershowers. Last year too, similar incidents were reported in May. An alert was issued, warning of heavy rainfall, and officials of government departments, including DCs, are informed, but little attention is paid to the alerts," said the IMD official.

The IMD has forecast rain over most parts of Karnataka for the next five days -- heavy downpour for the first three days and gradual reduction on day four and five.

Avoid underpasses during rain: BBMP

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THIS is not the first time vehicles were stranded in underpasses and passengers struggled to reach safety. However, the death of a woman is a matter of grave concern and shame, admitted senior BBMP officials.

"Citizens must avoid underpasses whenever it rains," warned officials. "They are vulnerable spots. The drainage below underpasses is poorly structured, leading to water-logging. As a matter of fact, there is an unwritten rule that underpasses should be closed as soon as rain starts. To give more clarity, we will inform the traffic police department," they added.

"Usually, vehicles avoid underpasses when it rains, due to uncertainty of how deep the water could be. What was going on in the mind of the driver who was stranded at KR Circle, no one can say. For safety, underpasses should be avoided," the official stressed.

Fire and Emergency personnel rescue passengers who were trapped in vehicles in the KR Circle underpass that was flooded on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Bengaluru City Traffic police also advised citizens not to stand below flyovers and underpasses for shelter.

BBMP Administrator Rakesh Singh said he will call for a meeting with all department heads to take stock of the situation and find a solution. "Sunday's incident is a matter of shame and will be looked into in detail," he said.

Citizens now ask where they should seek shelter. "Not everyone in Bengaluru owns a car, and using a car is also not safe as it starts to float when it is inundated by water. There is no space for citizens, and bus stands are also not well-maintained," said Shilpa R, a commuter.

'Underpass was blocked, but driver drove through'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

CITIZENS complained that the fire forces personnel came to the spot only around 4.15 pm, nearly half-an-hour after the incident. They rescued all those stuck in rainwater and rushed Bhanurekha and her family members to St Martha's Hospital.

Doctors at the hospital said that Rekha was frothing in her mouth and had no pulse when she was brought in. They declared her dead soon after. It is said that Bhanurekha was working in the marketing section of Infosys.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said the underpass was flooded as the city received more than 24 mm of rain within one hour which was much more than the carrying capacity of the underpass. He said the traffic police barricade the underpass during heavy rain, but the driver chose to drive through.

Relatives of the deceased woman in deep grief on Sunday

A pall of gloom descended at Telaprolu village of Krishna district, from where Bhanurekha hailed.

Her body will be reportedly brought to the village on Monday and last rites will be performed the same day.

Underpass not barricaded, auto gets stuck

While the SUV was being pulled out of the underpass, another autorickshaw with two passengers also got stuck in the water. Auto driver Rajanna said the underpass was not barricaded to stop vehicles from entering it. He said he could not see that the underpass was flooded. While the passengers managed to come out on their own, the auto had to be pulled with the help of ropes by the fire forces personnel. The police barricaded the stretch only after the tragedy.

CM announces ₹5 lakh ex-gratia to victim

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah visited the KR Circle underpass where a woman techie died on Sunday evening. He visited St Martha's Hospital, consoled the family member of Rekha and announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh to her family. He said the government will bear the cost of treatment of her other family members.

Responding on the allegations that doctors refused to treat Bhanurekha, who was alive when she was taken to the hospital, Siddaramaiah said action will be taken after looking into the allegations.

PLAN NEEDED TO AVOID FLOODING IN CITY, SAYS DK SHIVAKUMAR

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who visited the KR Circle underpass on Sunday night, said the death was unfortunate. "The government has taken the flooding seriously and a detailed action plan is needed to avert floods in Bengaluru. Measures will be taken to prevent flooding of underpasses and such unfortunate incidents should never recur." He lauded all those citizens who were involved in the rescue operation that saved the lives of six people.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

22ND May : I'd like to remind you of one of my favourite quotes. It's from the German philosopher Immanuel Kant. He said, 'Two things fill the mind with ever new and increasing wonder and awe - the starry heavens above me and the moral law within me'. Wise words indeed, and spoken over two hundred years ago!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There's a certain pleasing symmetry in the fact that the Moon plays such a powerful role in your chart. You may visualise this as a perfect time to make a fresh start, particularly in an intense emotional relationship, but there's no reason why you should restrict yourself to personal matters.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Probably the best thing you can do today is spend a little time in quiet reflection, mulling over the problem of how to make it up to a special person, or perhaps how to reconcile friends who have fallen out. You're interested in the truth - much to your credit.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There are few indications as to why partners may be irritated. One possibility is that long-term financial commitments are setting them on edge. Another is that they are annoyed by your attitude to money, or perhaps by their belief that you take them for granted.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Personally, and emotionally you seem to be pulled in different directions at the moment. This may not be unusual, so hopefully you should by now know how to deal with such little downs amidst the occasional ups. It's all a matter of striking a sensible balance.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The tide of fortune has not yet completely turned and, when it does, you will have to make some very fast decisions. If your work life appears to be bogged down in bureaucracy, be patient and take whatever time is necessary to work through it. And, if you wish, you may let partners set the pace at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You can think of the next few weeks as a time to take on even greater challenges, both personally and professionally. The immediate requirement, though, is to consult family members and take decisions about your home. Try to do your best for others as well as yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Venus, planet of love, holds you under its sway, enhancing a general feeling of well-being. However, lurking beneath the surface is a deep unconscious demand for personal freedom which will put a strain on at least one close relationship. Hopefully you'll deal with it with your usual grace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Don't be tempted to use finances as a lever because you never know when current actions could rebound on you. It could be next month before long-term plans bear fruit, so do yourself a favour and think ahead. Don't wait for fate to step in and determine the outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There's a sense of anticipation in the air. It seems likely that events which have been taking place almost unnoticed, perhaps behind the scenes, are shortly to come into the open. Whatever you do, don't force the pace, and don't make a partner feel as if they're trapped in a corner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
On no account should you do or say anything which might upset or alienate partners or business associates. The fact is that one particular planet - Mercury - indicates that you don't yet know your own mind. Another - Venus - suggests that you can persuade other people to back you in any case.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You really do have an awful lot going for you, although for some reason today seems like a good time to have a moan. Perhaps you're already experiencing the first emotional ripples from the next serious Saturnine alignment, or maybe you're just fed up with someone who has let you down!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
When planets move through enthusiastic parts of your chart, they oblige you to be a little less passive than is your wont. So it is that today's lively Moon makes it clear that you should not, indeed must not, sit on the sidelines. But making up your mind could be harder than you think.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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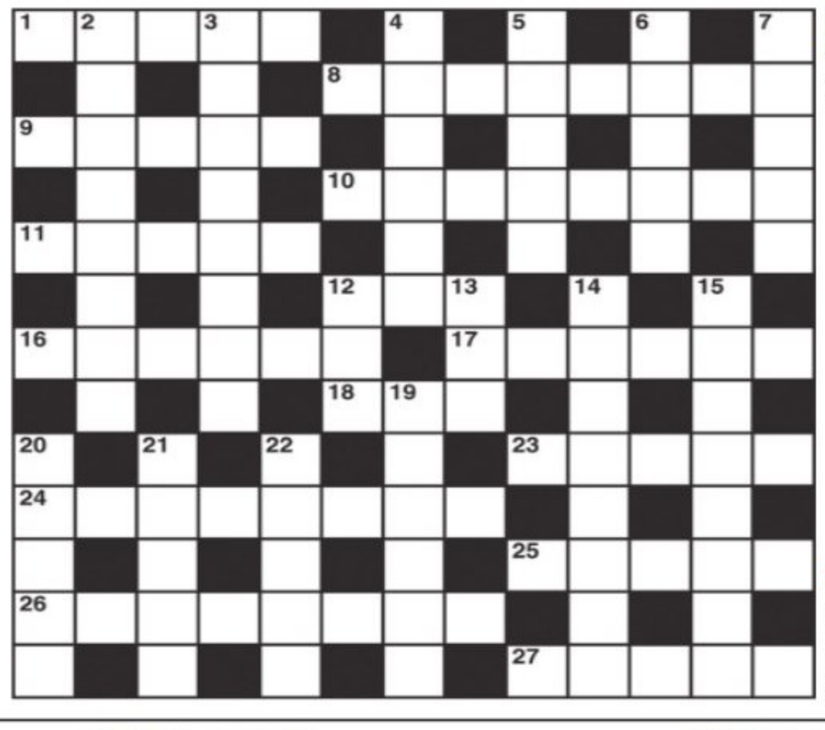

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Being bent, fiddled (5)
8 Coin collector (5,3)
9 A trap is set outside a second time (5)
10 Digs seen in disarray - a sign of anxiety (8)
11 In the main it's the going rate (5)
12 Social crawler (3)
16 Rose is involved in basketwork (6)
17 About three minutes' fighting (6)
18 Little dog quiet and evidently superior (3)
23 Lower a boat on the lake (5)
24 Insignia of royalty in other respects (8)
25 A light across the ship (5)
26 Compromise and put a stop to bad temper (8)
27 Got down to making a proposal? (5)

DOWN
2 A key figure in the services (8)
3 They were written by devout men of letters (8)
4 Girl crosses road to reach the country (6)
5 No banker would credit it (5)
6 Be sent up to bed having gone into a decline (5)
7 Be quick (5)
12 Tree snake (3)
13 Has such dancing little impact? (3)
14 Tree house perhaps of frontier days (3,5)
15 Winter dance party? No, but it's thrown for fun (8)
19 Odd vigil held by distraught nun (6)
20 Having gone astray, seek directions (5)
21 Brains are required for school principals (5)
22 Arrest for a trick (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Peave talks, 6 Toll, 10 Moses, 11 No parking, 12 Mealtime, 13 Wheat, 15 Orderly, 17 Shingle, 19 Compact, 21 Diggers, 22 Audit, 24 Respects, 27 Departing, 28 Tepee, 29 Oath, 30 Dissipated.

Down: 1 Pomp, 2 Amsterdam, 3 Easel, 4 Annuity, 5 Kippers, 7 Olive, 8 Light verse, 9 Browning, 14 Touch and go, 16 Reactors, 18 Goes to pot, 20 Termini, 21 Designs, 23 Depot, 25 Estop, 26 Head.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: PRONG PERKY CAVIAR SUBMIT
Answer: Our view of the night sky is changing as a result of so many satellites — TAKING UP SPACE

Around 425 trees will be reduced to stumps by the forest department for widening of the National Highway (NH) from TB Sanatorium to Hosapete Road. Already, the department marked the trees and tender notification has been issued. At the sametime, objections to cutting of trees were also invited

Study: Young with mental health issues face heart attack risk

Adopt a better lifestyle, exercise & change eating habits: Cardiologist Dr Manjunath

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ADULTS in their 20s and 30s with mental disorders have a higher chance of suffering a heart attack or stroke, states a new study published by the European Journal of Preventive Cardiology.

Individuals who are younger than 40 and have a mental disorder, such as anxiety, depression, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), psychoses and other stress-related issues, are 58% more likely to suffer a heart attack and 42% more likely to have a stroke than those with no disorders.

The report highlighted that "cardiovascular disease prevention efforts are needed to prevent heart attacks and strokes in young patients with mental disorders".

Consultant Cardiologist Dr Manjunath, Apollo Hospitals, said, "As Asians we are at a bigger risk of suffering a heart attack, there is at least a 20-year difference between Europeans and Indians when it comes to the age of having these attacks".

He said that at present, he is treating a 23-year old woman who had suffered a heart attack. "Her reports showed no comorbidities and no genetic indications to have heart diseases." He said people who have mental disorders are more prone to heart issues as they are not able to express their pain like others.

Dr Virbhan Balai, Cardiologist, Max Super Speciality Hospital, said, "Young individuals with mental disorders are definitely at higher risk compared to someone with no mental health disease. However, the numbers will never be close to people in the older age group due to the large number of comorbidities."

Dr Manjunath said the way forward is to adapt to a better lifestyle, exercise regularly, change eating habits and quickly consult a doctor if any symptoms of chest pain are felt.

Experts said the heart attack numbers among the younger generation have gone up by at least 10 per cent post-Covid.

The study stated, "One in every eight of the 20-to-39-year-old participants had some kind of mental illness including depression, anxiety and insomnia."

A total of 6,557,727 individuals were examined between 2009 and 2012 and 13.1% participants had at least one mental disorder.

Grow out of tobacco, says control cell

NAMRATA SINDWANI
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Tobacco Control Cell (KSTCC) plans to collaborate with the Department of Horticulture, Agriculture and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) to reduce tobacco cultivation and provide farmers with crop diversification options.

Around 25-30 villages in Mandya and Ramanagara districts have been successfully made tobacco-free. Now with the assistance of other government departments, the Tobacco Control Cell plans to replicate the same in other tobacco-growing districts - Mysuru, Hassan, Belagavi, Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru and Madikeri, said Prabhakara, project coordinator, KSTCC.

The tobacco growing areas will be reviewed to suggest possible alternate cropping solutions to farmers. Even the World Health Organisation (WHO) also recognises the need to promote economically sustainable alternatives to tobacco growing to prevent adverse social and economic impacts of tobacco on people whose livelihoods depend on tobacco production.

SJ Chander, Convenor from Consortium for Tobacco Free Karnataka, also said they are working in association with the department to cut down tobacco production in Karnataka.

The government should come up withe measures and extend expertise and resources to grow out of tobacco, he said, adding that the since it produces high revenue for both government and companies selling tobacco products, incentive is low to take any steps. But there are no benefits for farmers, he said.

Chander has suggested that beyond the flue cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco which is mainly exported, cultivation of other tobacco products must be reduced. WHO has highlighted the perils of cultivating tobacco on the health of farmers and soil. It leads to depletion of water resources, causes soil erosion, contamination of air and water. The amount of nicotine absorbed by farmers during the cultivation process is highly toxic.

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KCET ends with 93% attendance, CUET starts

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A student runs towards the entrance of an examination centre of the Common Entrance Test in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

THE Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) concluded on Sunday, while the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) also commenced across the country.

With an attendance of 93.16 per cent on the second day, 2.43 lakh KCET candidates attempted the Physics and Mathematics paper of the 2.61 lakh candidates registered in total. The tests took place at 592 centres across the state. Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA), Executive Director Ramya S stated that Kannada language test will be conducted on May 22, Monday, for Horanadu and Gadinadu Kannadiga candidates at centres in Belagavi, Ballari, Vijayapura, Mangaluru, Bidar and Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, CUET also began on Sunday, with 1.75 lakh students writing the examination on the first day across 271 cities and 447 centres. It will go on till June 6, across 26 centres in Karnataka.

Several students complained that they had to choose between CUET and KCET as the two examinations clashed on Sunday and alleged that thousands were affected by the overlap. However, KEA Executive Director Ramya said to TNIE that KCET would not be postponed as the probability of students appearing for both the examinations at the same time was very low. CUET takes place in three slots during the next 14 days. Candidates were given the option to choose their slots from 8.30am to 10.30am, 12pm to 2pm or 3.30pm to 6.30pm. However, the first shift of the KCET examinations took place from 10.30am to 11.50am.

Ramya also stated that the KCET timetable had been published prior to the CUET dates and appeals to change the dates came just a few days prior to the commencement of the two examinations, making it impossible to postpone on short notice. CUET was initially scheduled to take place between May 21 and May 31, but had to extend by four days to accommodate more students writing it.

EXPRESS READ

Tailor booked under POCSO

Davanagere: The women's police station on Sunday registered a Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act case against a tailor for put pressure on a a 17-year-old girl to marry him. Based on a complaint by the parents of the minor girl, the police have registered a case against the accused. According to the police, the accused, Tippu Sultan, who was the victim's neighbour, worked as a tailor and was in contact with the girl. However, when the topic of marriage came up, the girl refused to marry Sultan. Angry over the same, Sultan manhandled the girl. Later, the victim's parents lodged a complaint.

Dry waste centre gutted in JP Nagar

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

A dry waste collection (DWCC) was gutted on Saturday evening in JP Nagar. No casualty was reported, and the police have launched an investigation.

The centre, run by a former waste picker, Kumuda, had 16 women working as segregators. According to residents of Ward 177, the centre caught fire around 7:15 pm on Saturday and by 7:45 more than 80 per cent of it was engulfed by the blaze.

Fire department personnel doused the fire but the materials were reduced to ashes. Hasiru Dala, which works for the welfare of the waste pickers, told TNIE that the centre had no electricity which could lead to short circuit. "The centre used solar power. It recycles dry waste and almost 90 per cent was sent to the aggregators for reuse," said Bianca, Livelihood Manager, Hasiru Dala.

The entire ward's dry waste used to come to the centre, which weighed around 80 metric tonnes per month which were segregated by the women. Kumuda was devastated by the incident. "All my hard work is gone but I am determined to rebuild it. I need the support of the BBMP, elected representatives of JP Nagar and the citizens of Ward 177 to stand by me as they always have," she said, adding that she has incurred Rs 10 lakh loss.

The centre was also a learning space for students, academics, policy makers and citizens to witness how decentralized waste management can be a boon to an area's cleanliness and promote sustainability. Kumuda had built the centre by taking loans from Self Help Groups (SHGs) and has to repay the loan despite the fire.

The NGO has requested the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to restore the DWCC infrastructure and for the re-construction to begin within a week and to provide all DWCCs in the city with Fire Insurance and provide compensation for the 16 women for at least two weeks.

Runners warm up before taking part in the Tata Consultancy Services 10K marathon in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

ELITE WINNERS

In the World 10K Elite race Sabastian Sawe (Kenya) took the men's title and Ethiopia's Tsehay Gemechu got the women's crown. Among the Indian elite, Murli Gavit, bagged the Indian men's title while debutant Tamshi Singh won in the women's category. The winners took home a prize cheque of USD 26,000 each. Sawe won in a time of 27:58.24 and Gemechu clocked 31:38. Indian runners, Gavit and Singh clocked 29:58.03 and 34:12, taking home a cash prize of ₹2,75,000 each.

Taking giant strides through city's iconic spots

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE city which likes to enjoy its chilly rain-washed morning, came out and hit the roads early morning for the Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) 10K marathon. Every step the runners took reverberated a positive note towards fitness and robust health.

The marathon paid homage to the iconic buildings and structures in the city such as Vidhana Soudha, the State Library, Cubbon Park, and Chinnaswamy Stadium, around which the routes were prepared. With 27,000 participants lined up to run the boomerang-shaped course, it promoted diversity and inclusivity. Tim Sharma (39), a personal trainer, yoga coach and running enthusiast, competing in her fourth edition of the TCS World 10K, said, "If you are a runner in Bengaluru, this is the most prestigious event." In the 10K category, 16,682 runners participated. Stephanie Grebner, a German IT professional based out of Bengaluru, who ran in the Open 10K category, said, "Bengaluru is such a beautiful city, but you don't get many chances to run through its roads."

Kolkata man cured of rare disease in city hosp

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A 66-year-old wheelchair-bound man from Kolkata, who was suffering from a rare central nervous system (CNS) Whipple's disease since 2017, was treated successfully at a private hospital in Bengaluru after multiple misdiagnosis earlier.

The patient suffered from headaches and weakness for which he was consulting a doctor at his hometown, but even being on medication for a year, his condition deteriorated. He was unable to raise his arms above his head followed by reduced walking ability, drooping of eyelids, nasal speech, temporalis atrophy (thinning or loss of temporal muscle tissue) and difficulty in swallowing.

According Fortis Hospital doctors in Bengaluru, he was misdiagnosed many times and even became wheelchair-bound due to delay in treatment.

Dr Chandran Gnanamuthu, senior consultant (Neurology), diagnosed him with a CNS Whipple's disease after performing a series of tests. The doctor explained that it is a rare illness caused by a type of bacteria which is usually fatal if not treated on time.

Patients with Whipple's disease are administered with long-term antibiotics to cure any infection of the brain. The patient was given intravenous ceftriaxone (2 gm) and also medication for fever, acid reflux and anti-nausea for four days. The medication helped stabilise the patient's condition within a short span and he was discharged after four days. He has been asked to continue taking his medication.

Vultures still wait for new home

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

LONG-billed vultures will have to wait longer to find a new home in Karnataka. The Bannerghatta National Park (BNP) is still awaiting approval from the Central Zoo Authority of India (CZA) to open the Vulture Breeding Centre in the park.

The government had announced the breeding centre in the 2020 budget allotting ₹130 crore, but the plan is yet to materialise. The number of vultures has been dwindling in the state. It is categorised as critically endangered on the IUCN Red List since 2002 because of kidney failure caused by diclofenac poisoning. In a survey conducted along the borders of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka, 246 species of these endangered birds were found.

Deputy Conservator of Forests, BNP, Prabhakar Priyadarshi said, "We've arranged for everything and are constantly following it up." The centre should have opened by the end of 2022, said the department. The vultures were supposed to be transported from Pinjore Vulture Conservation in Haryana, said Priyadarshi.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) said to TNIE, "We've been waiting for months to hear from the CZA."

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Siddu govt will probe all scams under BJP rule, says minister

2.5 lakh vacancies will be filled soon: Priyank

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WITH MB Patil, a minister in the Siddaramaiah cabinet, issuing a statement on Sunday that the new government will probe alleged scams in the BJP government, the ruling party is trying to score brownie points.

"In a private conversation with us, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said investigations should be conducted in every department," Patil, a staunch supporter of the CM, told reporters. Controversies, including the recruitment in the police sub-inspector (PSI) posts, irrigation department and bribery alleged by the contractors, will be probed. "We will take the investigations to their logical end and ensure that the guilty, irrespective of them being political leaders or officials, are punished" he said.

The statements also started coming in from other members of the Siddaramaiah camp, like former KPCC president Dinesh Gundurao and senior leader Basavaraj Rayareddy.

Rayareddy said Siddaramaiah wants to give a transparent government.

Political observers said Siddarmaiah wants to maintain his clean image and the talk of investigations has come ahead of the first legislature session beginning on Monday. It could also be an attempt to extend his purported 30-month term to a full five-year period, they added.

It could also be a tactic to tackle the opposition BJP, which is likely to dig out the alleged old scams including the Arkavathy Layout land denotification (redo), to corner Siddaramaiah, political pundits said.

Minister Priyank Kharge said the Bitcoin scam too will be investigated. Kharge had in November 2021 levelled serious allegations against the previous BJP government, alleging that big leaders were involved in the scam after Srikrishna alias Shriki was arrested. He had then tweeted, "The accused Shriki had hacked into 3 bitcoin exchanges 14 websites including 10 poker websites and exploited malwares. The total of which is not disclosed but is speculated to be about Rs 2283 crore."

On Sunday, in a series of tweets, the Chittapur MLA said he has tasked the Kalaburagi city police commissioner and SP to curb corruption at police stations, check illegal gambling and betting, sand mining and drug peddling. He also asked the top police officials to stop traffic violations, rein in rowdies and stop harassment to the public.

He said 2.5 lakh vacancies in different government departments will be filled as soon as possible. This will help eradicate the issue of unemployment in the state to an extent and all departments concerned will take up the recruitment process, he added.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar pay floral tributes to former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary at the KPCC office in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

> **No one from BJP has lost their life fighting terrorism, but they say Congress supports terrorism. Rajiv Gandhi and Indira Gandhi were victims of terrorism. Terrorism is a threat to the country.**
>
> Siddaramaiah, chief minister

BERTH BOOKING HEATS UP, LEADERS MEET DKS, SIDDU

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

A day after Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar were sworn-in as chief minister and deputy chief minister, respectively, along with eight other cabinet ministers, many leaders visited Siddaramaiah on Sunday to book their berths.

Satish Jarkiholi, BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan and MB Patil, all from the Siddaramaiah camp, have become ministers. Some leaders also met Shivakumar on Sunday with the party high command likely to give nod for cabinet expansion in a week.

According to sources, the party high command, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar will have equal power in selecting ministers. It was clear from the first batch that Dr G Parameshwara, Priyank Kharge, KH Muniyappa, KJ George and Ramalinga Reddy were picked by the high command. Shivakumar was left sulking as he could not stop Zameer Ahmed's induction.

During an event on the death anniversary of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi at the KPCC office, minister MB Patil was busy chatting with Siddaramaiah on the dais which annoyed Shivakumar, who said, "Do not disturb when I am speaking", sending a message that indiscipline will not be tolerated irrespective of the leader's stature.

Meanwhile, senior legislator Basavaraj Rayareddy, a strong contender for a ministerial post and also as the speaker, called on Siddaramaiah, and later batted for a five-year term for the latter.

Congress high command has been vacillating on the rotational chief minister formula which has failed in states like Rajasthan.

Shivakumar supporters have interpreted AICC general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal's statement that "Shivakumar will be the sole DyCM and continue as KPCC president until after 2024 LS polls", that internally, the top brass has committed to a power-sharing formula. AICC president Mallikarjun Khage might have assured Shivakumar about the calculation after which Shivakumar agreed to be the vice-captain, a Congress leader told TNIE.

GRANDPA SIDDU ATTENDS GRADUATION CEREMONY

Bengaluru: A day after being sworn-in as chief minister, Siddaramaiah attended his grandson's graduation ceremony at Canadian International School in Bengaluru on Sunday. Earlier, he paid his tributes to former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary at the KPCC office in Bengaluru. His grandson, Dhawan Rakesh passed Class 12. Rakesh had also joined Siddaramaiah during the latter's campaign. "My grandson completed his Class 12 from Canadian International School. The school authorities have organised a farewell for the graduating class of 2023. I was happy to be part of the event," he tweeted.

Bengaluru MLAs cast 'cabi-net', chances bleak

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

WHILE the tussle continues over selecting the other members of the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah-led cabinet, Bengaluru MLAs may miss the bus this time.

In previous Congress and BJP governments, there were at least six to nine ministers from Bengaluru, but the situation has changed now as senior legislators are exerting tremendous pressure on Siddaramaiah and the Congress high command.

Senior legislators from Bengaluru like Ramalinga Reddy, KJ George and BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan have made it to the first batch of ministers to be sworn-in, but many others including Krishna Byre Gowda, Dinesh Gundu Rao, M Krishnappa, V Shivanna, BK Hariprasad from the Legislative Council, are also in the race.

The previous Congress government had six ministers in the cabinet while the BS Yediyurappa government had accommodated seven with plum posts. Now, 122 of 135 MLAs in Congress are from outside Bengaluru. Belagavi has 11 MLAs, Mysuru nine, Chitradurga five, and many have also won from Kittur and Kalyana Karnataka regions. This is making it increasingly difficult for the high command to settle for the correct balance. It may also compel the high command to deny half a dozen berths to Bengaluru lawmakers as many MLAs have called on Siddaramaiah and the AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge, demanding equal representation of communities like Lingayats, Dalits and Muslims in the cabinet who have given overwhelming support to Congress.

From Urs to Hegde, trend changed

There was no one from Bengaluru in the then chief minister Devaraj Urs cabinet as he believed that since the chief minister and cabinet ministers reside in Bengaluru, they are always accessible to Bengalureans.

However, he inducted only one minister from Bengaluru to share the Food and Civil supplies department responsibilities after the Emergency was imposed. The trend changed after Janata Party headed by Ramakrishna Hegde came to power. Chandrashekar, Thimme Gowda, Jeevaraj Alva were elected from the city in 1983, including Hegde himself from Basavanagudi in 1985.

What led to debacle? BJP begins review

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AFTER its disappointing loss in the polls, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders have convened a series of meeting with the party's Election Committee members and MLAs to review the results.

BJP Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh, who conducted meetings with the committee members, MLAs, candidates who lost elections and district office-bearers, told reporters that the BJP will work as a positive and efficient opposition in the state. He said a meeting was held with district unit presidents and in-charge leaders to seek information. He also demanded implementation of the various guarantees announced by the Congress in its manifesto.

On the results, Singh said BJP's vote share has not decreased. "The vote share of the JDS has moved to the Congress, which got more seats. We expected more seats in the assembly polls. Voter turnout increased in some constituencies, while some saw low turnout," he said.

Asked about who would be leader of the opposition, Singh said the parliamentary board will decide. Prior to this, party MLAs will choose the opposition leader. He said the central government is working hard for the all-round progress of the country, including the poor, farmers, women and SC/ST communities, and this would be conveyed to the people of Karnataka.

BJP National General Secretary CT Ravi said the Congress is changing its stand after winning elections. "Earlier, they said all unemployed youths would get Rs 3,000, but now they have placed a condition that the scheme is for those who pass out this academic year," Ravi said. He also stressed that if Congress withdraws the anti-cow slaughter law, it will be against the Constitution.

BJP national general secretary (orgnisation) BL Santhosh with VD Savarkar's grandson, Sathyaki Savarkar, at a book launch in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

ASSEMBLY SESSION FROM TODAY

The state government has called for a three-day legislature session starting Monday. The new MLAs will take oath on these days. Senior Congress MLA RV Deshpande will be pro tem Speaker, and the Speaker will be elected during the session. The BJP has not yet chosen the opposition leader, and names of former CM Basavaraj Bommai, senior BJP MLAs Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and R Ashoka are doing the rounds.

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> – Arun Singh, K'taka in-charge, BJP

J&K most militarised state after scrapping of Article 370, says Mufti

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@ Bengaluru

LAUNCHING a tirade at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday said that the central government has changed the logo of G20, and replaced it with lotus, and for publicity claims that normalcy has been restored in the Valley after the abrogation of Article 370.

The G20 summit is scheduled to be held from May 22-24 in Srinagar. During an interaction with mediapersons at the Press Club of Bangalore, Mufti said, "G20 logo should have been replaced with something related to the country and not a party." She alleged that Modi's decisions regarding Kashmir have eventually resulted in China's intervention. The PDP chief hoped that SAARC would find some solutions to Valley's problems. She reiterated that she will never contest the Assembly elections till Article 370 is restored.

"Today, Jammu and Kashmir is the most militarised state where harassment takes place in the name of frisking and security, especially ahead of the G20 summit. I spoke to Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and others to draw their attention towards what is happening in the Valley," she said. Commenting on the thumping victory of Congress in Karnataka, Mufti said that the party should reach out to smaller parties to ensure a united contest against BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. She warned that what the central government has done to the Delhi government through an ordinance could happen with other state governments.

J&K former CM Mehbooba Mufti interacts with media persons in Bengaluru | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

'2k withdrawal linked to polls'

J&K former CM Mehbooba Mufti said that the decision of the Reserve Bank of India to withdraw Rs 2,000 currency notes might help in money laundering by converting black money into white, making it easier for BJP to fund their election expenses. "This has been done a year before elections. It was a sudden decision that will not benefit the common people," she said. Asked if the decision will backfire on the central government, she said that unless people choose to dump communal politics and focus on development, nothing will harm the BJP.

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After rain fury, farmers stare at massive losses

V VELAYUDHAM
@ Chikkaballapur

HEAVY rain and hail storms on Sunday afternoon for over two hours resulted in massive crop damage in Chikkaballapur district that supplies fruits and vegetables to the entire state. Tomatoes, capsciscum, beans, mangoes, and grapes have been ruined as sources said that losses are expected to be in lakhs.

The damage could disrupt supply of fruits and vegetables, resulting in rise in prices. Rain fury has hit various places including Sidlaghatta, Chintamani and surrounding villages, where several trees were uprooted, traffic came to a halt for hours, and houses in low-lying areas were flooded.

Mango and grape growers are now facing acute losses after gusty winds broke fences. Mango farmers had already started harvesting Banganapalle , Benisha, Rajgira and Raspuri varieties. After rain, they fear that their produce will be sold at a low price.

In Chintamani taluk of Siddimath, Doddanatta railway underbridge was submerged and the villagers had to take a long deviation to reach their villages. The nurseries belonging to Shinganahalli Lakshmana were damaged, and the farmers are now demanding compensation from the government and the horticulture department.

Navy, fisherfolk in choppy waters after meeting over plaints

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS
@ Karwar

FOLLOWING complaints from fishermen, the Indian Navy officials held talks with local fishermen in and around Karwar, and assured them that grievances will be looked into.

In their complaint to Uttara Kannada Deputy Commissioner, the fishermen, under the aegis of Meenugarara Sangarsha Samithi, alleged that they are being discouraged or driven away from the waters within 1km radius by naval personnel. "They come in high-speed boats and scare away the fishermen," the letter signed by Vinayak Lakshman Harikantra, president of the samithi, read.

They demanded that the naval personnel should not harass the fishermen on the pretext of security as it will hit their livelihood.

"The naval officials denied allegations of harassment. We also showed them some video clips of the incidents. Then, they said the fishermen should not come within a 1km radius of the fixed boundary of the naval base to which we objected. We said that the fish is available in that area," said Harikantra.

Coast Police Inspector Nischal Prakash was present during the meeting. Naval officials said that several vessels including aircraft carriers are docked in the base, and so the fishing boats should stay away. According to sources, the naval officials have assured that they will invite at least 5 fishermen from each fishing village and hold talks with them.

Earlier, the naval officials had said that they would talk to the leaders of the fishermen and find a solution, which was rejected as the leaders do not venture into waters.

Naval officials hold talks with fishermen in and around Karwar and coastal police over complaints submitted to the Uttara Kannda deputy commissioner | EXPRESS

Big boost for national security, says expert

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THE project, earlier known as Air Defence Ship (ADS), was planned for a 20,000 tonne displacement. However in later stages, it was enhanced to 37,500 tonnes to allow it to carry fighter jets like MiG 29K and the designation was changed to Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC).

The project was delayed due to several reasons and finally it was entrusted to CSL considering its modern infrastructure. The ship was designed by the Directorate of Naval Design which was its first assignment.

Bengaluru-based defence expert Girish Linganna said berthing of INS Vikrant at the new aircraft carrier terminal is a significant feat of infrastructure and will have important implications for India's national security and economic development.

"The terminal has a two-deck configuration, with the upper deck providing space for the aircraft carrier to moor and the lower deck providing space for support facilities such as fuel and ammunition bunkers. The terminal also has a number of features that are designed to improve ship support, such as a crane that can lift up to 100 tonnes and a water jet system that can clean the hull of the aircraft carrier," he said.

The Congress rode to power on the five 'guarantee schemes' or 'freebies' for the people. Here is what it will mean in numbers

COST OF BIG 5 VOTECATCHERS

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SOON after the first cabinet meeting, Chief Minister **Siddaramaiah** said the Karnataka government would implement all the five guarantees announced in the Congress manifesto during elections. Siddaramaiah said the government was paying Rs 56,000 crore annually towards loan, including principal amount and interest, to implement its many schemes. The government might now need an additional Rs 50,000 crore for the guarantee schemes, which can be done by increasing revenue targets and cutting down on wasteful expenditure, and will not have financial implications, he said.

However, economists say that politics and economics are two different things. They expressed concern over the sustainability of the schemes, and how much they will burden the exchequer. "Ultimately, the amount that will be used to implement the guarantee schemes is the taxpayers' money. It will be no surprise if state taxes on items increase after some time, and the deficit in the budget increases. There is no need to give 200 units of free power or Rs 2,000 for all women. Many don't need it. While it is required to help the economically weak with travel, and youth with money, the government must parallelly make all efforts to ensure they get employment and also empower the downtrodden," said an economist who is working closely with the government.

Free power will cost govt dear

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE Congress' announcement that 200 units of free power would be given to every household worked like magic, and got the party a major chunk of votes. However, officials and experts have expressed concern over the financial implications of this scheme.

They say the government is already giving subsidies for IP sets, and has various schemes like Kuteera Jyoti and Bhagya Jyoti. In the last budget, Amrit Jyoti scheme was announced, but was not implemented. "The model is a little different from what was adopted by the AAP. Here, the government has announced free 200 units of free power to all households, irrespective of income. This will be a huge burden on the government," said an official.

Experts said that implementation of the new scheme for five years will be a challenge. Now that the government has committed to it and even came to power on the scheme, it cannot roll back or place conditions. "As per the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC), the average cost of power supply is Rs 9.12. The government will have to give 3848 MU of power free to domestic consumers every month, which will cost them Rs 3,509 crore per month, and Rs 42,108 crore annually. The government is already paying a subsidy amount of Rs 14,508 crore per annum, which excludes IP sets. The government cannot stop these subsidies and schemes to accommodate domestic consumers. Management of this new scheme would be a challenging task," said MG Prabhakar, chairman, FKCCI, Energy Committee.

Jolly bus ride for women

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

CM Siddaramaiah has announced that women who are natives of Karnataka can avail of free bus rides in non-AC buses of BMTC and any state transport corporation buses, anywhere in the state.

This has given rise to multiple questions on implementation. Shaheen Shasa of Bengaluru Bus Prayanikara Vedike, a bus commuters' rights forum, said that free travel in government buses should not be considered a 'freebie' but an investment in women who get the freedom to travel independently. She urged that bus travel be made free for all women across the state, without discrimination.

"BMTC has a daily ridership of around 35 lakh. A rough estimate is that around 40 per cent of the daily passengers are women, and free travel for women in BMTC buses might cost the government approximately Rs 1,000 crore every year," she said.

A KSRTC official said they don't have data on the number of female passengers. "Whether free travel is for all women or are there any conditions for eligibility? Will free travel be restricted to a few kilometres or can women travel freely across the state? The state government has not yet given any clarity on eligibility for free bus travel yet," the official said.

Another official said that going by face value, execution will be a challenge, not just financially but also implementation. Reserved seats for women will have to be strictly maintained.

Pet scheme to fix malnutrition

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

THE government will not go back on its word on implementation of Anna Bhagya scheme, where every BPL (Below Poverty Line) household will be given 10kg of free grains.

Vasudev Sharma, Executive Director, Child Rights Trust, said everyone welcomes such a scheme, and contended that almost all governments have worked for food security.

"In the 1960s, ration cards were introduced. The one-point agenda was to address hunger and malnutrition. Even though food is available, the issue of malnutrition is not addressed, especially among children and adolescent girls. To fight malnutrition, it is necessary to have such a scheme. Some may take a dig at such schemes, but those people are not aware of the reality of society," said Sharma.

Not just rice, ragi or jowar, the government should also give oil and pulses, and charge a minimal fee, if nor free, as the move will address malnutrition among a large section of people, he added. With regard to the challenge before the government in taking such a scheme to the right people and avoiding middlemen or misuse, Sharma said those who are ineligible, or who can afford food and ration, must give up their BPL cards.

"Awareness and conscience is needed. Secondly, there could be corruption like illegal hoarding of food stock, fudging bills and selling grains to provision stores, giving old stock or ration that is spoiled due to rain, or is infested with insects and rodents," Sharma added.

Give allowance, skill them too

CHETAN MG @ Bengaluru

THE Yuva Nidhi scheme of the new Congress government guarantees an unemployment allowance of Rs 3,000 for unemployed graduates and and Rs 1,500 for diploma holders, till they find a job or for two years maximum. The government announced that those who completed their studies this academic year are eligible to avail of the scheme.

Director of the Institute for Social and Economic Change Prof. D Rajasekhar felt it is a good scheme as it helps unemployed youths lead a dignified life with confidence and self-respect, and the allowance will also help the economy to some extent. "Countries like Germany, Denmark, Norway and many others have such schemes, and they also offer skill development courses and assistance in finding suitable jobs.

The state government should help the youth hone skills and assist them in finding jobs. Else, the scheme may turn out to be a burden on the state exchequer, and beneficiaries may demand that the allowance be extended till they find a job, even after two years are up, as they would become dependent on the allowance," he said.

However, he added that the government must put a robust system in place to avoid misuse of the scheme. "There are several systems already in place to track payments to bank accounts, but the government should use them effectively to avoid misuse of the scheme," he suggested.

Empowering women with ₹2K

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

WOMEN constitute 50 per cent of the total voters in Karnataka, and the Gruha Lakshmi struck a chord with them when the Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi announced it during the election campaign.

Under the scheme, the state government will give financial aid of Rs 2,000 per month to the woman head of every household. According to the government, the scheme has been chalked out as the cost of living and purchasing items, especially essentials, has shot up.

But since it is not a one-time fund, it will be a considerable challenge for the Congress government as it is a "universal" scheme and caters to all women.

A senior officer from the state government, on condition of anonymity, said this will be a huge additional burden on the state government as it is not a one-time allocation.

The government has committed to give the amount every month to every woman. A sum of Rs 2,000 might help women, especially in rural and semi-urban areas, manage their monthly groceries.

However, it is a challenge to identify such people. "We will be able to get some clarity only when detailed guidelines are issued. This scheme might help socially and economically, but not financially," the officer said.

The amount will be sent to women's bank accounts linked to Aadhaar number, to ensure transparency.

Pregnant elephant shot dead by 2 estate owners in Kodagu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madikeri

A wild elephant was allegedly shot dead by two estate owners in the Kushalnagar limits of Kodagu.

A female elephant, approximately aged 18 to 20 years was killed in the incident. The elephant was pregnant and a post-mortem report revealed that it was due to deliver the calf shortly. The accused in the case are absconding.

On Sunday morning, the carcass of the expectant elephant was found lying inside the estate owned by Kunjilanda Jagadish in Raslpura village near Kushalnagar. Kushalnagar division forest department officials were alerted and the spot was visited by ACF Gopal, RFO Shivaram and others. Preliminary investigations revealed that the wild elephant was shot dead by miscreants, even as empty bullet cartridges were found lying at the crime spot.

"The elephant has suffered several bullet marks on its body. A major bullet was shot at its right ear piercing the brain. Apart from this, small bullet marks were found across its body," confirmed RFO Shivaram. He explained that the spot was inspected by dog squads and the dogs led to the houses of two estate owners. "The dog squad led us to the house of accused Kunjilanda Jagadish. Further, the dog squad also led us to the neighbouring estate owned by Dimple, where empty bullet cartridges have been retrieved," he explained. Sources confirmed that the accused have been booked under the Arms Act by the police and the Wildlife Protection Act by the forest department. The incident is suspected to have taken place during late night hours on Saturday. Post-mortem was conducted and the calf inside the pregnant elephant was removed. Both the carcasses were buried in the estate limits.

The carcass of the elephant found inside the estate of an accused owner.

DIVINE TOUCH

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar and his wife Sudesh Dhankhar visit the Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday | EXPRESS

Pinarayi's report card is fake, says Satheesan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

A day after the chief minister released the progress report of his government's performance, Leader of Opposition **V D Satheesan** on Sunday termed it a "fake" document full of "false claims".

The government failed to fulfil even 100 of the total 900 promises the LDF had made in its election manifesto, he told reporters in Kochi. The government's claim that three lakh new job opportunities were created in the state is false. So is its claim on the number of new enterprises. "We questioned the government about this false number in the Assembly. It's the sum of the number of licence applications for new enterprises and that of those who have taken bank loans," he said.

The government as a whole, and the home ministry under the chief minister in particular, is a total failure, Satheesan alleged, and cited the suspension of an "innocent" police officer as an example of this. The Leader of Opposition was referring to the suspension of IG P Vijayan on charges of leaking out the details of the transfer of Elathur train arson case accused.

Kerala min in soup over Bishops' Council remark

ENS @ Kozhikode

KERALA Forest Minister AK Saseedharan has landed in a controversy after his alleged statement against the Kerala Catholic Bishops' Council (KCBC) on the recent bison attack deaths in the state.

Saseedharan was forced to call two press conferences on the same day in order to clarify his point raised against the KCBC. In the first press conference on Sunday morning, the minister accused some people for playing politics with the dead bodies of those who died in the bison attack. He said that such bargaining is not in keeping with the tradition of KCBC and the movement which implemented peace and harmony should preserve the tradition and it is not right to bargain or playing with the emotions of the dead.

The minister's first argument was that such people are trying to take political advantage. But after the protest against the minister's statement, he corrected himself within hours by calling a second press meet on the same day, where he said he did not threaten anyone, instead he was trying to communicate that using the emotions of the families of dead people in the attack is unethical. The essence of what he said is that there should not be a protest to bargain, as the government is ready to hear the pleas of the public.

EXPRESS READ

Woman injured in bear attack in Belagavi dist

BELAGAVI: A 60-year-old woman was severely injured after she was attacked by a pair of sloth bears on the outskirts of Habanahatti in Khanapur on Saturday. The woman is identified as Renuka Irrappa Naik. According to sources, Renuka would take her cattle to graze on the village outskirts, after which she would help her husband in his field. As she was taking her cattle to a stream, she was attacked by two bears. Renuka creamed for for help, alerting her husband and others, who scared the bears away. Renuka was rushed to hospital.

Music composer Raj passes away in Hyd

HYDERABAD: Thotakura Somaraju alias Raj, who was part of the famed Raj-Koti music director duo, breathed his last in Hyderabad on Sunday. He was 68. The composer, who prominently worked through the 80s and 90s, suffered a fall in the bathroom and went into cardiac arrest. He was rushed to hospital, where he was declared dead. Raj is survived by his wife and three daughters. Raj's father Thotakura Venkataraju was a music director, notably working on several of NT Rama Rao's films.

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(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
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Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 1)

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O.A. No.967 / 2022

Between:Canara Bank, Yeshwanthpur Gopal Complex, No.47, Subedarchatram Road, Model Colony, Dr. Ambedhkar Nagar, Yeshwanthapur, Bengaluru - 560 022
...Applicant

And:
Mr. Narayanaswamy & another
...Defendants

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2. **Mrs. Padmavathi** W/o Narayanaswamy, Aged about 43 years No.35, 1st Main Nalakedranahalli Peenya Small Industries Bangalore - 560 058.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Instituions Act, 1993 against the above defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 44,75,195.77** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Five and Paise Seventy Seven only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.
The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defense to show cause on **11-09-2023 at 10:30 A.M.** as to why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.
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3) SRI. JIYAULLA B. S/o. SRI NAZIR SAB, NO. 10/15, GT COMPLEX, ASB MOTORS, OPP. TO BHARATHI PETROL BUNK, SUNKADAKATTE, BENGALURU 560 091.
...CERTIFICATE DEBTORS

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed BENGALURU (DRT-1) by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, in **OA/552/2019** an amount of **Rs. 10,47,385.00 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Forty Seven Thousands Three Hundred Eighty Five Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest and costs till realization. 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. 4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **27/11/2020 at 10:30 a.m.** for further proceedings. 5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **date: 20/10/2020.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 1)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

Indian Overseas Bank
Bannerghatta Road Branch(1605): New No.12, First Cross, N.S.Palya, Indl Area, Next to Shopper's Stop, Bannerghatta Main Road, Bangalore-560076

POSSESSION NOTICE Under (Rule 8 (1)) of SARFAESI ACT.2002)

Whereas, the Undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Indian Overseas Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002 issued a **demand notice dated 18.02.2022** calling upon the borrower **Mr. K C Mahesh, S/o. Channegowda** and **Mrs. U M Divya, W/o. K. C. Mahesh, Address:** 41/A, Vysya Bank Colony, Next to Patel Layout, Near Canara Bank, Off Begur Main Road, Begur, Bangalore-560068, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice as under:

Nature of facility	Limit Rs.	Rate of Interest% +2.00% penal interest	*Total Dues as on 17.02.2022 (in Rs.)
Term loan under Subhagruha Housing Loan A/c No. 160503464000008	Rs.30,00,000/-	7.65% +2.00% =9.65%	Rs.31,66,693/-+ upto date interest
Term Loan under Home Improvement Scheme Loan A/c. No. 160503468000006	Rs.10,00,000/-	7.80%+2.00% = 9.80.%	Rs. 10,27,845/- + upto date interest
Total Amount			Rs.41,94,538/-

total being **Rs.41,94,538/-** with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realization within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.
1) The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **20th day of May 2023.**
2) The borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Overseas Bank,** for a total amount of **Rs.37,93,204/-** as on **20.05.2023** with interest thereon at contractual rates and rests as agreed charges etc. The details of the loan outstanding is as under:

Nature of facility	Limit Rs.	Rate of Interest% +2.00% penal interest	*Total Dues as on 20.05.2023 (in Rs.)
Term loan under Subhagruha Housing Loan A/c No.160503464000008	Rs.30,00,000/-	7.95% +2.00% =9.95%	Rs.27,02,672/-+ upto date interest
Term Loan under Home Improvement Scheme Loan A/c. No.160503468000006	Rs.10,00,000/-	8.95%+2.00% = 10.95%	Rs.10,90,532/- + upto date interest
TOTAL Amount			Rs. 37,93,204/-

the borrower has repaid **Rs.8,02,445/-** in **Loan Account No.160503464000008** and **Rs.50,002/-** in **Loan Account No. 160503468000006** in all total repayment of **Rs.8,52,447/-** so far after issuance of **Demand Notice dated 18.2.2022,** however the account still remains NPA. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is
1) Rs.27,02,672/- + upto date interest (Rupees Twenty seven lacs two thousand six hundred and seventy two only) for Loan Account No.160503464000008
2) Rs.10,90,532/- + upto date interest (Rupees Ten lacs ninety thousand five hundred and thrity two only) for Loan Account No.160503468000006
payable with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. till date of payment.
3) The borrower's attention is invited to the provision of Sub-Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.41, V.P Khatha No.442/B, Assessment No.243, situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP limits measuring East to West 22 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 880 sq.ft. and **Bounded on the: East by:** MICO Layout, **West by :** Remaining portion of Site No.41 sold to Mr. Vasantha Kumar, **North by:** Property Nos.37 & 38, **South by:** 25 ft. Wide Road. Along with Ground Floor measuring 800 Sq.ft constructed with RCC roofed house built in thereon constructed with Cement and Bricks, door and windows are made out with Jungle woods with Mosaic flooring and with all civic amenities in the schedule property.
The property is in the name of **K. C. Mahesh.**

Date: 20.05.2023, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Overseas Bank**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

PUBLICATION - DEMAND NOTICE

Notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 - Sent on **16-03-2023** by Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due and the same was returned by **M/s. Fashion Influence Clothing India Private Limited, Mrs. Somisetti Swarna Latha, Mr. S. Purushothaman, Mr. T. Santhosh Kumar, Mr. Revuri Balaji, Mrs. Snehalathadevi, Mr. Kondapalli Rajesh (Legal Heir of Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu), Ms. Kondapalli Uma Maheshwari (Legal Heir of Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu), Mr. Kondapalli Sreeram (Legal Heir of Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu).** Hence this.

No.1) M/s. Fashion Influence Clothing India Private Limited, No. 1018, New No.84, RR Srivaru Complex II, Chennai - 600040. No.2) Mr. Bussareddy Chandrasekhar, S/o. Radhakrishna Reddy, No.4, S & P Gardens, 3rd Cross Street, Behind VGN Apartment, Nolambur, Maduravoyal, Thiruvallur - 600095. Also At, Mr. Bussareddy Chandrasekhar, S/o. Radhakrishna Reddy, D.No. 1-108, Thimmanagan Palem, Kadivedu, Nellore District. No.3) Mr. Ajayaadhithiyaa B., S/o. Balasubramanyan, No.4, S&P Gardens, 3rd Cross Street, Nolambur, Maduravoyal, Thiruvallur - 600095. Also At Mr. Ajayaadhithiyaa B., S/o. balasubramanyan, Indu Avenue, Court Center, Gudur - 524107. No.4) Mrs. Ranjani Balasubramaniam, W/o. Bussareddy Chandrasekhar, Block 15, F.H.Jain Nakshatra, No.82, Union Road, Backside of MGR University, Chinna Nolambur, Thiruvallur, Chennai - 600095. No.5) Mrs. Kapuganti Umamaheshwari, W/o. Jayaprakash, D.No. 8-80, Raja Street, Gudur, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh - 524101. No.6) Mr. Chereddy Srinivasalu Reddy, S/o. Chandra Reddy, D.No.1-82A, Main Road, NEAR Maseed, Thimmanageripalem, Kadivedu - 524410, Nellore District. No.7) Mr. Vajja Venkata Krishna Reddy, S/o. Radhakrishna Reddy, D.No 2-14, Palicherlavaripalem, Chillakur - 524412, Nellore District. No.8) Mrs. Somisetti Swarna Latha, W/o. Somisetti Subba Rao, D.No.9/54, Pelleti Vari Street, East Gudur, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh - 524101. No.9) Mr. S.Purushothaman, S/o. K.S. Srinivasa Reddy, D.No.10/81, Mogappair East (JJ Nagar East), Chennai - 600037. No.10) Mr. T. Santhosh Kumar, S/o. Thukkaraman, D.No-1, Plot No.82, Sri Venkatshwara Nagar-II, Maduravoyal, Chennai - 600815. No.11) Mr. Bheemavarapu sreenivasalu Reddy, S/o. B.Harinadh Reddy, D.No.1-108, Timmanagaripalem Village, Kadivedu Post, Chillakur Mandal, Nellore District. No.12) Mr. Revuri Balaji, S/o. R.Jagannatha Gupta, Thimmana Gari Palem, Kadivedu, Chillakur Mandal, Nellore - 524410. Also At Mr. Revuri Balaji, S/o. R.Jagannatha Gupta, D.No.127/22, 50 Ft. Road, Hanumantha Nagar, Bangalore-500019. No.13) Mrs. Snehalathadevi, W/o. Revuri Balaji, D.No. 127/22, 50 Ft. Road, Hanumantha Nagar, Bangalore-560019. No.14) Mrs. Kondapalli Rikmini (Legal heir of late Kondapalli Srinivasulu), W/o. Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu, D.No-5-86, Padamara Veedhi, Main Road, Indukurukupetta, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh - 524101. Also At, Mrs. Kondapalli Rikmini (Legal heir of late Kondapalli Srinivasulu), W/o. Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu, No.8-170 Hospital Road, Near Sangam, Gudur, Nellore-524101. No.15) Mr. Kondapalli Rajesh (Legal Heir of Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu), S/o. Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu, D.No-5-86, Padamara Veedhi, Main Road, Indukurukupetta, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh - 524101. Also At, Mr. Kondapalli Rajesh (Legal Heir of Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu), S/o. Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu, No.8-170 Hospital Road, Near Sangam, Gudur, Nellore-524101. No.16) Ms. Kondapalli Uma Maheshwari (Legal Heir of late Kondapalli Srinivasulu), D/o. Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu, D.No-5-86, Padamara Veedhi, Main Road, Indukurukupetta, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh - 524101. Also At, Ms. Kondapalli Uma Maheshwari (Legal Heir of late Kondapalli Srinivasulu), D/o. Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu, No.8-170 Hospital Road, Near Sangam, Gudur, Nellore-524101. No.17) Mr. Kondapalli Sreeram (Legal Heir of late Kondapalli Srinivasulu), S/o. Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu, D.No-5-86, Padamara Veedhi, Main Road, Indukurukupetta, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh-524101. Also At, Mr. Kondapalli Sreeram (Legal Heir of Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu), S/o. Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu, No.8-170 Hospital Road, Near Sangam, Gudur, Nellore - 524101. No.18) Mr. Bachala Venkata Krishna Reddy, S/o. Balakrishna Reddy, Kapu Street, Ayyavasipalem - 524410, Gudur, Nellore District.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub : Loan account / Overdraft with City Union Bank Limited, Gudur Branch in the name of M/s. Fashion Influence Clothing India Private Limited.

The Bank issued Notice under the SARFAESI Act on **16-03-2023** calling upon Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,14,15,16 & 17 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080084592 is **Rs.1,80,02,669/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakh Two Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Nine only);** Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,14,15,16,17 & 18 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 512020010002460 is **Rs.10,64,24,441/- (Rupees Ten Crore Sixty Four Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Forty One only);** Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,15,16 & 17 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080080128 is **Rs.2,25,72,528/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Five Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Eight only);** Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,14,15,16,17 & 18 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080074500 is **Rs.3,64,85,044/- (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Four Lakh Eighty Five Thousand and Forty Four only);** Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,14,15,16 & 17 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080080126 is **Rs.5,86,79,664/- (Rupees Five Crore Eighty Six Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Four only);** Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,14,15,16 & 17 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080080127 is **Rs.1,12,23,007/- (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakh Twenty Three Thousand and Seven only)** as on **14-03-2023** with further interest for 501812080074500 at **9.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080080126 at **10.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080080127 at **10.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080080128 at **10.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080084592 at **9.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 512020010002460 at **10.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **15-03-2023** till the date of repayment. The Notice sent to you by **Registered Post have been received by Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 14 & 18** of you and **returned by Nos.1, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 & 17.**

Therefore, we hereby once again call upon Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,14,15,16 & 17 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080084592 is **Rs.1,80,02,669/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Lakh Two Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Nine only);** Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,14,15,16,17 & 18 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 512020010002460 is **Rs.10,64,24,441/- (Rupees Ten Crore Sixty Four Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Forty One only);** Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,13,15,16 & 17 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080080128 is **Rs.2,25,72,528/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Five Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Eight only);** Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,14,15,16,17 & 18 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080074500 is **Rs.3,64,85,044/- (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Four Lakh Eighty Five Thousand and Forty Four only);** Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,14,15,16 & 17 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080080126 is **Rs.5,86,79,664/- (Rupees Five Crore Eighty Six Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Four only);** Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,14,15,16 & 17 of you jointly and severally towards the Loan Account 501812080080127 is **Rs.1,12,23,007/- (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakh Twenty Three Thousand and Seven only)** with further interest for 501812080074500 at **9.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080080126 at **10.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080080127 at **10.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080080128 at **10.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 501812080084592 at **9.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded), 512020010002460 at **10.25%** plus **2.00%** penal interest p.a. (not compounded) with monthly rests from **15-03-2023** till the date of repayment within **60 days** from the date of this notice failing which Bank will be Constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the Schedule hereunder. This Notice is published/issued without prejudice to any other right/remedy available to the Bank.

Notes : (1) That our **352-Gudur Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (OTHER HOUSING LOAN > 25 L : 501312030007783) dated **01-07-2016** requested by No.12 of you for which No.13 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.40,00,000/-** at a ROI of **11.5%** (Loan Disbursed **Rs.13,50,000/-** only) and the outstanding balance as on **14-03-2023** is **Rs. 9,30,002/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **15/03/2023** till the date of realization.
(2) That our **352-Gudur Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (OTHER HOUSING LOAN > 25 L : 501312030010427) dated **15-03-2017** requested by No.12 of you for which No.13 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 26,50,000/-** at a ROI of **11.5%** and the outstanding balance as on **14-03-2023** is **Rs.18,83,538/-** plus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from 15/03/2023 till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Revuri Balaji, S/o. R. Jagannatha Gupta)

The Site and Superstructure now existing and to be putup thereon in the future, situated at SPSR Nellore Registration District, Nellore Circle, Nellore Municipal Corporation, Nellore Bit II Area, Haranadhapuram, Ward No. 16, Block 3, Near D. No.16-3-1299, in Survey No. 1205/A and 1205/B, Plot No. 1 (Western Half), within the following boundaries : East : Remaining Site of this Plot of Shaik Rameeja, West : Road, South : Plot No. 2, North : 30 Feet Wide Layout Road, an extent of 22 Ankanams and 16 Sq. Ft. or 177.77 Sq. Yards or 148.644 Square Meters or 1,600 Square Feet of land with all easement and pavement rights pertinent thereto.

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Vajja Venkata Krishna Reddy, S/o. Radhakrishna Reddy)

Item No.1 : The Site Now existing and Superstructure to be putup thereon in the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Gudur Registration District, Gudur Sub-District, Gudur Mandal, in East Gudur Mazara, Pottupalem Panchayat Area, in East Gudur Village, Patta No. 693 and 1515, Survey Nos. 1493-B and 1494 within the following boundaries : East : Site of Dugisetty Prasad, South : Site of Vajja Venkata Krishna Reddy purchased from Avula Srinivasulu, West : 20 Feet width Road. North : Site of Kolluru Subba Rao an extent of 20 Ankanams or 160 Square Yards or 1,440 Square Feet of Land with all easementary rights. Item No.2 : The Site Now existing and Superstructure to be putup thereon in the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Gudur Registration District, Gudur Sub-District, Gudur Mandal, in East Gudur Mazara, Pottupalem Panchayat Area, in East Gudur Village, Patta No. 693 and 1515, Survey Nos. Reddy 1493-B and 1494 within the following boundaries : East : Site of Dugisetty Prasad. South : Pottupalem Road. West : 20 Feet width Road. North : Site of Vajja Venkata Krishna Reddy purchased from Avula Srinivasulu an extent of 32 Ankanams or 256 Square Yards or 2,304 Square Feet of Land with all easementary rights.

The Site Now existing and Superstructure to be putup thereon in the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Gudur Registration District, Gudur Sub-District, Gudur Mandal, in East Gudur Mazara, Pottupalem Panchayat Area, in East Gudur Village, Patta Nos. 693 and 1515, Survey Nos. 1493-B, 1494 and 1494-2, within the following boundaries : East : Site of Dugisetty Prasad. South : Site of Vajja Venkata Krishna Reddy purchased from E. Nagabhushanamma. West : 20 Feet width Road. North : Site of Valja Venkata Krishna Reddy purchased from Oduru Guravamma an extent of 36 Ankanams and 68 Sq.Ft. or 295 Square Yards and 5 Sq. Ft. or 2,660 Square Feet of Land with all easementary rights.

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Mr. Bussareddy Chandrasekhar, S/o. Radhakrishna Reddy)

The Site existing now and Superstructure to be put-up thereon in the future, situated at SPSR Nellore Registration District, Pothireddypalm Village, Kovur Mandal, Near Door No.90 towards West of Bombay Road in S.No.196, Ward No.5 within the following boundaries : East : Road (Measurement 50 feet), South : Site of Adusumalli Venkataramaiah (Measurement 50 feet), West : Site of Pachabotla Audiseshaiah (Measurement 50 feet), North : Site of Adusumalli Venkataramalah (Measurement 50 feet) to an extent of 34 Ankanams and 52 Sq.ft or 277.77 Sq. Yards of Vacant Site with all easement and pavement rights pertinent thereto.

Schedule - D : (Property Owned by Mrs. Ranjani Balasubramaniam, W/o. Mr. Bussareddy Chandrasekhar)

The Site existing now and Superstructure to be put-up thereon in the future, situated at SPSR Nellore District, Chillakur Mandal, Thimmanagaripalem Village and Panchayat in Patta Nos. Ranjani boundaries East : Lands of D Prasunamma and Bussareddy Sulochanamma 654,664,666,666,664 and 666 at S.Nos. 302-A1, 303-1A-1, 304- 1A, 305-1, 306-3 and 307-1 respectively within the following boundaries : East : Lands of D. Prasunamma and Bussareddy Sulochanamma, South : Lands of D. Prasunamma, West : Land of Bussareddy Harinadhana Reddy, North : Land of Iswarya Granuels to an total extent of 7.57 Acres of land with all easement and pavement rights pertinent thereto.

Schedule - E : (Property Owned by Mr. Chereddy Srinivasalu Reddy , S/o. Chandra Reddy)

The Site existing now and Superstructure to be put-up thereon in the future, situated at SPSR Nellore Registration District, Nellore Rural Mandal, Lakshmi Nagar, Kanuparthipadu Village and Panchayat in S.No. 413, Plot No. 1149 within the following boundaries : East : 30 feet width Road (Measurement 40 feet), South : Site in No.1148 (Measurement 60 feet), West : Site in Plot No.1162 (Measurement 40 feet), North : Site of Plot No.1150 (Measurement 60 feet) to an extent of 33 Ankanams and 24 Sq. Ft. or 222.969 Sq. Meters of Vacant Site with all easement and pavement rights pertinent thereto.

Schedule - F : (Property Owned by Mrs. Kapuganti Umamaheshwari, W/o. Jayaprakash)

The Site Now existing and Superstructure to be putup thereon in the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Gudur Registration District, Gudur Sub-District, Gudur Mandal, East Gudur Village, Pottupalem Panchayat Area Survey No.1585-1, Ac.0-69 Cents out of Ac.2-14 within the following boundaries : East : Land of Chillakuru Pattabhirami Reddy and Puvvada Venkata Varalakshmamma, South : Way, West : Donka, North : Way belonging to Vinnamala Vijayalakshmi, W/o. Late Venkatarami Reddy an extent of Ac.0-69 Cents of Land with all easementary rights.

Schedule - G : (Property Owned by Mrs. Somisetti Swarna Latha, W/o. Somisetti Subba Rao)

The Site Now existing and Superstructure to be putup thereon in the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Gudur Registration District, East Gudur, Pilletivari Street, Survey No.577/4, Door Nos.53 & 54, Ward No.9, within the following boundaries : East : Vacant Site of M.R. Reddy, South : 14 ft. Road, West : Compound Wall of Pasupuleti Ramamoorthy, North : Compound Wall of Pasupuleti Ramamoorthy An extent of 23 Ankanams and 31 Sq.ft. Or 187.5 Sq. yards of Land with all easementary rights.

Schedule - H : (Property Owned by : Mr. Bussareddy Chandrasekhar, S/o. Radhakrishna Reddy)

The Site Now existing and Superstructure to be putup thereon In the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, Gudur Registration District, Sullurpet Sub-Registration, Sullurpet Mandal, Kudiri Village and Panchayat area, at (1) Survey No. 42-6 to an extent of Ac 0.20 Cents, (2) Survey No.42-10 to an extent of Ac 0.26 Cents, (3) Survey No.42-13 to an extent of Ac 0.21 Cents, (4) Survey No.42-15 to an extent of Ac 0.20 Cents, (5) Survey No.42-16 to an extent of Ac 0.18 Cents, (6) Survey No.42-18 to an extent of Ac 0.15 Cents, (7) Survey No.48-12 to an extent of Ac 0.18 Cents, (8) Survey No.48-13 to an extent of Ac 0.22 Cents, (9) Survey No. 48-14 to an extent of Ac 0.18 Cents totalling to extent of Ac 1.78 Cents of Wet Lands which was converted into Non-Agricultural Land as per Orders opf RSO Naidupeta vide D.Dis(B4) 854/2015 dated 16-06-2015 and the same was converted into House Plots as per the Orders of Kudiri Gram Panchayat in its P.R.No.6/2015 dated 06-07-2015 as VBR Shar Avenue vide Plot Nos.61,62,76,76A,92,93,94,95,95A,96,97 (11 Plots) to an extent of 2533.83 Sq. Yds. or 316 Ankanams 52.50 Sq.ft. with in the following boundaries :

Item No.1 : Plot No.76 to an extent of 3,600 Sq. ft. or 400 Sq. Yds. Bounded by : East : Layout fencing (Measurements 60 feet or 18.288 Mts.), South : Plot No.76A (Measurements 41.5 Feet or 12.649 Mts.), West : 33 Feet width Layout Road (Measurements 50.4 Feet or 15.341 MIS), North : Plot No.77 (Measurements 79.4 Feet or 24.181 Mts.). Item No.2 : Plot No.76A to an extent of 1482.50 Sq. Feet or 164.72 Sq. Yds. or 20 Akanams bounded by : East : Layout fencing (Measurements 17.5 Feet or 5.334 Mts.), South : Layout fencing (Measurements 54 Feet or 16.459 Mts.), West : 33 Feet Width Lay out Road (Measurements 39.9 Feet or 12.116 Mts.), North : Plot No.76 (Measurements 51 Ft. or 15.545 Mts.). Item No.3 : Pot No 61,62,92,93,94 to an extent of 9,640 Sq. Feet or 1071.11 Sq.Yds. or 133 Ankanams, East : Plot Nos.63,64.118.119,120,121 Vacant Site, South : Layout Fencing, West : 33 Feet width Layout Round, North : Plot No.1, Plot No.61. Measurements : East : 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters, South : 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters, North : 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters, South : 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters, Plot No.62. Measurements : East : 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters. South : 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters, West : 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters, North : 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters. Plot No.92. Measurements : East : 60 Feet or 18.288 Meters. South : 62 Feet or 18.898 Meters, West : 28 Feet or 8.534 Meters. North : 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters. Plot No.93. Measurements : East : 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters. South : 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters. West : 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters. North : 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters. Plot No.94. Meaurements : East : 36 Fee or 10.973 Meters. South : 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters, West : 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters. North : 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters. Item No.4 : Plot No.95A to an extent of 2,682 Sq. Ft. or 298 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East : 33 Feet Width Road (Measurements 42 Feet or 12.802 Mts.). South : Layout fencing (Measurements 56.3 Feet or 17.145 Mts.), West : Layout Fencing Measurements 43.10 Feet or 13.335 Mts.), North : Plot No.95 (Measurements 74 Feet or 22.555 Mts.). Item No.5 : Plot Nos.95,96,97 to an extent of 5,400 Sq. Feet or 600 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East :33 Feet Width Road. Measurements : 108 feet or 32.918 Mts.), South : Plot No.95A (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.), West : Layout Fencing (Measurements 108 Feet or 32.918 Mts.), North : Sitement for Park (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.).

Schedule - I : (Property Owned by : Mr. Bussareddy Chandrasekhar, S/o. Radhakrishna Reddy)

The Site Now existing and Superstructure to be putup thereon in the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, Gudur Registration District, Sullurpet Sub-Registration, Sullurpet Mandal, Kudiri Village and Panchayat Area, (1) Patta No.239, Survey No.40-2D to an extent of Ac 2.41 Cents, Survey No.42-6 to an extent of Ac 0.20 Cents full, (2) Patta No.173, Survey No.40-4, Ac 0.55 Cents Out of total extent of Ac 1.55 Cents, (3) Patta No.239, Survey No.48-3 to an extent of Ac 0.37 Cents, Survey No.48-4 to an extent of Ac 0.36 Cents, Survey No.48-5 to an extent of Ac.0.25 Cents Totalling to extent of Ac 3.89 Cents of Wet Lands which was converted into Non-Agricultural Land as per orders opf RSO Naidupeta vide D.Dis. (84) 854/2015 dated 16-06-2015 and the same was converted into House Plots as per the orders of Kudiri Gram Panchayat in its P.R.No.6/2015 dated 06-07-2015, and as per the Approved layout Vide TLP No.7/2016/GNT, proceedings of the Director of Town and Country Planinng, Guntur Dated 19-11-2016 as VBR Shar Avenue vide Plot Nos.2,3,4,5,21,22,25A,47,56,57, (10 Plots) to an extent of 2,080 Sq.Yds, or 260 Ankanams with in the following boundaries : Item No.1 : Plot Nos.2,3,4,5 to an extent of 7,200 Sq. ft. or 800 Sq. Yds. Bounded by : East : Plot Nos.21,22,23,24 (Measurements 144 feet or 43.891 Mts.), South : Plot No.1 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.), West : 33 Feet width Road (Measurements 144 Feet or 43.891 Mts.), North : Plot No.6 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.). Item No.2 : Plot Nos. 21,22, to an extent of 3,600 Sq. Feet or 400 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East : 33 Feet width Road (Measurements 72 Sq. feet or 21.946 Mts.), South : Plot No.23 (Measurements 50 Sq. Feet or 15.240 Mts.), West : Plot Nos.4,5 (Measurements 72 Feet or 21.946 Mts.), North : Plot No.20 (Measurements 50 Ft or 15.240 Mts.). Item No.3 : Plot No.25A to an extent of 1,800 Sq. Feet or 200 Sq. Yds., East : Plot No. 70 (Measurements 36 feet or 10.973 Mts.), South : Plot No.69 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.), West : 33 Feet width Road (Measurements 36 feet or 10.973 Mts.), North : Plot No.25 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.). Item No.4 : Plot No.47 to an extent of 1,800 Sq. Ft. or 200 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East : Plot No.59 (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Mts.), South : Plot No.46 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 MLS.), West : 33 Feet Width Road (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Mts.), North : Plot No.48 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.) Item No.5 : Plot Nos.56,57 to an extent of 4,320 Sq. Feet or 480 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East : 33 Feet Width Road (Measurements 72 feet or 21.946 Mts.), South : Plot No.58 (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Mts.), West : Plot Nos.49,50 (Measurements 72 Feet or 21.946 Mts.), North : Plot No.55 (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Mts.)

Schedule - J : (Property Owned by : Mr. Bussareddy Chandrasekhar, S/o. Radhakrishna Reddy)

The Site Now existing and Superstructure to be putup thereon in the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, Gudur Registration District, Sullurpet Sub-Registration, Sullurpet Mandal, S/o. Radha Kudiri Village and Panchayat Area, (1) Palta No.239, Survey No.40-2D to an extent of Ac 2.41 Cents full, Survey No.42-6 to an extent of Ac 0.20 Cents full, Survey No. 42-10 to an extent of Ac 0.26 Cents, Survey No.42-13 to an extent of Ac 0.21 Cents, Survey No.42-15 to an extent of Ac 0.20 Cents, Survey No.42-16 to an extent of Ac 0.18 Cents, Survey No.42-18 to an extent of Ac 0.15 Cents, Survey No.48-12 to an extent of Ac 0.18 Cents, Survey No.48-13 to an extent of Ac 0.22 Cents, Survey No.48-14 to an extent of Ac Cents totalling to entent of Ac 4.11 Cents of Wet Lands which was converted into Non-Agricultural Land as per orders opf RSO Naidupeta vide D.Dis(84) 854/2015 dated 16-06-2015 and the same was converted into House Plots as per the orders of Kudiri Gram Panchayat in its P.R.No.6/2015 dated 06-07-2015 as VBR Shar Avenue vide Plot Nos.59A, 99,100,101,118,122,123,124,125,126 and 127 (11 Plots) to an extent of 2631.48 Sq. Yds. or 329 Ankanams with in the following boundaries : Item No.1 : Plot No.59A to an extent of 378 Sq. ft. or 42 Sq. Yds. Bounded by : East : 33 Feet width Road, South : Plot No.84, West : Vacant Site in Plot No.59-A, North : Vacant Site in Plot No.59A. Item No.2 : Plot No. 99 to an extent of 1,762.50 Sq Feet or 195.83 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East : Layout Fencing (Measurements 48 feet or 14.630 Mts.), South : Plot No.98 (Measurements 28 Feet or 8.534 Mts.), West : 25 Feet Width Road (Measurements 47 Feet or 14.326 Mts.), North : Plot No.100 (Measurements 47 Ft or 14.326 Mts.). Item No.3 : Plot No.100 to an extent of 2,220 Sq. Feet or 246.66 Sq. Yds., East : Layout Fencing (Measurements 40.3 feet or 12.268 Mts.), South : Plot No.99 (Measurements 47 feat or 14.326 Mts.), West : 25 Feet width Road (Measurements 40 feet or 12.192 Mts.), North : Plot No.101 (Measurements 64 Feet or 19.507 Mts.). Item No.4 : Plot No.101 to an extent of 2,919 Sq. Feet or 324.33 Sq. Yds. bounded on : East : Lay out fencing (Measurements 57.8 feet or 17.577 Mts.), South : Plot No.100 (Measurements 42 feet or 12.802 Mts.), West : 25 Feet Width Road (Measurements 57 feet or 17.374 Mts.), North : Plot No.102, (Measurements 67 feet or 20.422 Mts.). Item No.5 : Plot No.118 to an extent of 2,160 Sq. Ft. or 240 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East : 33 Feet Width Road (Measurements 54.9 Feet or 16.688 Mts.), South : Layout Fencing (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Mts.), West : Plot No.92 (Measurements 22 Feet or 6.706 Mts.), North : Plot No.119 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.). Item No.6 : Plot Nos.122,123,124, to an extent of 5,400 Sq. Feet or 600 Sq. Yds., bounded by : East : Plot Nos.126,127,128 (Measurements 108 feet or 32.918 Mts.), South : Plot No.125 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.), West : 33 Feet Width Road (Measurements 108 Feet or 32.918 Mts.), North : Plot No.65 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.). Item No.7 : Plot No.125 to an extent of 3,300 Sq. Ft. or 366.66 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East : Plot No.126 Vacant Site (Measurements 45.10 feet or 13.970 Mts.), South : Layout Fencing (Measurements 59 Feet or 17.983 Mts.), West : 33 Feet Width Road (Measurements 75.3 Feet or 22.936 Mts.), North : Plot No.124 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.). Item No.8 : Plot Nos. 126 and 127 to an extent of 5,544 Sq. Feet or 616 Sq. Yds. East : 33 Feet Width Road, South : Layout Fencing, West : Plot Nos.123,124,125, North : Plot No.128, Plot No.126 Measurements : East : 46 Feet or 14.021 Metres, South : 60 Feet or 18.288 Meters, West : 92 Feet or 28.042 Meters, North : 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters, Plot No.127 Measurements : East : 36 Feet or 10.973 Metres, South : 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters, West : 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters, North : 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters.

Schedule - K : (Property Owned by : Mr. Bussareddy Chandrasekhar, S/o. Radhakrishna Reddy)

The Site now existing and superstructure to be putup thereon in the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, Gudur Chandrasekhar Registration District, Sullurpet Sub-Registration, Sullurpet Mandal, S/o. Radha Krishna Kudiri Village and Panchayat Area, (1) Patta No.239, Survey No.40-2D to an extent of Ac. 2.41 Cents full, Survey No.42-6 an extent of Ac. 0.20 Cents full, Survey 48-12 to an extent of Ac. 0.18 Cents and Patta No.238 Survey No.42-5 to an extent of Ac. 0.30 Cents totalling to an extent of Ac. 3.09 Cents of Wet Lands which was converted into Non-Agricultural Land as per orders of RSO Naidupeta vide D.Dis(84) 854/2015 dated 16-06-2015 and the same was converted into House Plots as per the orders of Kudiri Gram Panchayat in its P.R.No.6/2015 dated 06-07-2015 as VBR Shar Avenue vide Plot Nos. 1,23,24,24A. 83,86,87,88,89 and 103(Total of 10 Plots) to an extent of 2200 Sq.Yds. or 275 Ankanams with in the following boundaries : Item No.1 : Plot No.1 to an extent of 1,800 Sq. ft. or 200 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East : Plot No.24A (Measurements 36 feet or 10.973 Mts.), South : Plot No.61 (Measurements 50 feet or 15.240 MLS.), West : 33 Feet Width Road (Measurements 36 feet or 10.973 Mts.), North : No.2 (Measurements 50 feet or 15.240 Mts.). Item No.2 : Plot Nos. 23,24,24A to an extent of 5,400 Sq. Feet or 600 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East : 33 Feet Width Road (Measurements 108 feet or 32.918 Mts.), South : Plot No.64 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.), West : Plot Nos 1,2,3 (108 Feet or 32.918 Mts.), North : Plot No.22 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.). Item No.3 : Plot No.83 to an extent of 1,800 Sq. Feet or 200 Sq. Yds., East : Plot No.87 (Measurements 36 feet or 10.973 Mts.), South : Plot No.82 (Measurements 50 feet or 15.240 Mts.), West : 33 Feet width Road (Measurements 36 feet or 10.973 Mts.), North : 33 Feet Width Road (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Mts.). Item No.4 : Plot No.86 to an extent of 2,160 Sq. Feet or 240 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East : 25 Feet Width Road (Measurements 36 feet or 10.973 Mts.), South : 33 Feet Width Road (Measurements 60 feet or 18.288 Mts.), West : Layout Plots (Measurements 36 feet or 10.973 Mts.), North : Plot No.85 (Measurements 60 feet or 18.288 Mts.). Item No.5 : Plot Nos.87,88,89 to an extent of 6,480 Sq. Ft. or 720 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East : 25 Feet Width Road (Measurements 108 Feet or 32.918 Mts.), South : Plot No.90 (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Mts.), West : Plot Nos.81,82,83 (Measurements 108 Feet or 32.918 Mts.), North : 33 Feet Width Road (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Mts.). Item No.6 : Plot No.103, to an extent of 2,160 Sq. Feet or 240 Sq. Yds. bounded by : East : Plot No.112 (Measurements 36 feet or 10.973 Mts.), South: Plot No.102A (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Mts.), North : Plot No.104 (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Mts.), West : 25 Feet Width Road (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Mts.), North : Plot No.104 (measurements 60 feet or 18.288 Mts.).

Schedule - L : (Property Owned by Mr. Bheemavarappu Srinivasalu Reddy, S/o. B. Harinadh Reddy)

The Site Now existing and Superstructure to be putup thereon in the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, Gudur Registration District, Sullurpet Sub-Registration, Sullurpet Mandal, Kudiri Village and Panchayat Area, Immovable Property, Survey No.42- 7, an extant of Ac.0-12,Survey No.42-8 an extant of Ac.0-47, Survey No.42-9, an extant of Ac.0-13, Survey No.42-11 an extant Ac.0-07, Survey No.42-12, an extant of Ac.0-46, Survey No.42-14, an extant of Ac.0-25, Totalling to Ac.1-50 Cents of Wet Lands, which was converted in to Non-Agricultural Land, as per the orders of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Naidupet, in his proceedings in D.Dis (64) 854/2015 dated 16-06-2015 and the same was converted in to House Plots as per the approved orders of the Kudiri Gram Panchayat in its P.R.No. 6/2015 dated 06-07-2015 AS vbr Shar Avenue Lay out Plots, out of which Plot Nos.63, 64, 65, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 82, 119, 120, 121, 128 r 2,257.200 Sq. Meters or 337 Ankanams and 36 Sq. Feet of Vacant site with all easementary rights, and joint right in the Layout Roads, situated with in the following boundaries : Item No.1 : Plot Nos.63 and 64 an extant of 3,600 Sq.ft. or 400 Sq.yards bounded by : East : 33 Feet width Road (Measurements 72 Feet or 21.946 Meters), South : Vacant Site of Plot No.121 (Measurements 50 Feet or Meters), West : Vacant Site of Plot Nos. 161, 62 (Measurements 72 Feet or 21.946 Meters), North : Vacant Site of Plot No. 24 A (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters). Item No. 2 : Plot No. 65 an extent of 1,800 Sq.feet or 200 Sq. Yards of Vacant Site bounded by : East : Vacant Site of Plot No. 73 (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973), South : Vacant Site of Plot No.122 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters), West : 33 Feet width layout Road (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), North : Vacant Site of Plot No. 66 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters). Item No. 3 : Plot Nos. 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75 (Six Plots) an extent of 10,800 Sq.feet or 1,200 Sq. Yards or 150 Ankanams of Vacant site bounded by : East : 33 Feet width Road (Measurements 216 Feet or 65.837 Meters), South : Vacant Site of Plot No. 128 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15,240 Meters), West : Vacant Site of Plot Nos. 25A, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 69 (Measurements 216 Feet), North : Vacant Site of Plot No. 44A (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters). Item No. 4 : Plot No. 82 an extent of 1,800 Sq.feet or 200 Sq. Yards of Vacant Site bounded by : East : Vacant Site of Plot No. 88 (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), South : Vacant Ste of Plot No. 81 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters), West : 33 Feet width Road (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), North : Vacant Site of Plot No. 83 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters). Item No. 5 : Plot Nos.119 (Northern Side) 120, 121 an extent of 4,500 Sq.feet or 500 Sq. Yards odf Vacant Site bounded by : East : 33 Feet width Road (Measurements 90 Feet or 27.432 Meters), South : Vacant Site of Plot No. 119 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240), West : Vacant Site of Plot Nos. 92,93,94 (Measurements 90 Feet or 27.432 Meters), North : Vacant Site of Plot No. 63 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters). Item No. 6 : Plot No. 128 an extent of 1,800 Sq.feet or 200 Sq. Yards odf Vacant Site bounded by : East : 33 Feet width Road (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), South : Vacant Site of Plot No. 127 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters), West : Vacant Ste of Plot No.122 (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), North : Vacant Site of Plot No. 75 (Measurements 50 Feet or 15.240 Meters). Total Plot Nos. 63, 64, 65, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 82 119 (Norther Side) 120, 121,128 (Total 14 Plots), Total Extent 24,300 Sq. feet or 2,700 Sq. Yards or 2,257.200 Sq. Meters or 337 Ankanams and 36 Sq. Feet of Vacant Site.

Schedule - M : (Property Owned by Mr. S. Purushothaman, S/o. K.S. Srinivasa Reddy)

The Site and Superstructure now existing and to be putup thereon in the future, situated at North Chennai Registrations District, Konnur Sub-Registration District, Chennai Metropolitan Development Committee Plan 2, in Mogappair Site and Service Scheme East, Survey No. 319, Part of Mogappair Village, (J.J. Nagar East) in Plot No. 10/81, Land to the extent of 468 Sq. Ft., and comprising building of 381 Sq. Ft. in Ground Floor and 361 Sq. Ft. in First Floor within the following boundaries : North : Plot No. 10/82, South : Plot No.10/80, East : 16 Feet Wide Road, West : Plot No. 10/12, in this Both Northern and Southern Sides 36 Feet Both Eastern and Western Sides 13 Feet, an extent of 468 Sq. Feet of Land and the Residential Building thereon with constructed Area of 35.41 Sq. M., or 381 Sq. Ft.. Ground Floor and 33.55 Sq. M., or 361 Sq. Ft., First Floor along with the Electricity Connection with all easement and pavement rights pertinent thereto. This Property belongs to Town and Taluk Limits of Ambattur and Tiruvallur District.

Schedule - N : (Property Owned by Mr. Bheemavarapu Sreenivasalu Reddy, S/o. Harinadh Reddy)

The Site Now existing and Superstructure to be putup thereon in the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh, Gudur Srinivasulu Registration District, Sullurpet Sub-Registration, Sullurpet Mandal, S/o. Bheemav Kudiri Village and Panchayat Area, Immovable Property, Patta No.238- Harinadh R Survey No.41-15, an extant of Ac.0-48 Full, Survey No. 42-3 an extant of Ac.0-28, full, Survey No.42-5 an extant of Ac.0-30 full, totalling to (Doc. No.413 Ac.1-06 Cents of Wet Lands, which was converted into Non-Agricultural land, as per the orders of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Naidupet, in his Proceedings in D.Dis (34) 854 / 2015 dated 16-06-2015 and the same was converted into House Plots as per the approved orders of the Kudiri Gram Panchayat in its P.R.No. 6/2015 dated 06-07-2015 as VBR SHAR AVENUE Lay out Plots, out of which Plot No.84 (Western Side), 85 (Western Side), 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110 and 111 (Ten Plots) which is total extant of 20,340.25 Sq.feet or 2,260.02 Sq. Yards, or 1,889.383 Sq.Meters or 282 Ankanams and 36.25 Sq.feet of Vacant Site, with all easementary rights, and joint right in the Layout Roads, situated with in the following boundaries : Item No.1 : Plot No.84 (Western Side Portion) of an extant of 1,656 Sq.feet or 400 Sq. yards in a total extant of 2,160 Sq. feet bounded by : East : 33 feet width road (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), South :,Vacant Site of Plot No.85 (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Mts.), West : Vacant Site Plot No.45 (Measurements 36 Feet or 20.973 Meters), North : Vacant of 10,59 A (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Meters). Item No.2 : Plot No 85 an extant of 540 Sq.feet or 60 Sq.yards of Vacant Site, out of a total extant of 2,160 Sq.feet in the Western Side. bounded by : East : 33 feet width road (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), South : Vacant Site of Plot No.86 (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Meters), West: Vacant Site of Plot No.45 A (Measurements 36 Feet or 20.973 Meters), North : Vacant Site of Plot No.84 (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Meters). Item No.3 : Plot Nos. 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111 (Eight Plots) an extant of 18,144.25 Sq.feet or 2016.02 Sq.yards or 252.36¼ Ankanams of Vacant Site bounded by : East : 20 feet width road, South :Vacant Site in Plot No.102A,113 West : 25 Feet width Layout Road, North : Lay out compound Wall With in the above stated boundaries, measurements for Plot No.104, East : North to South (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), South : East to West (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Meters), West-North to South (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), North : East to West (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.973 Meters), With in the above boundaries an extent of 2,160 Sq. Feet or 240 Sq. Yards or 200.640 Sq. Meters or 30 Ankanams of House Site Plot No.105, East : North to South (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), South-East to West (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Meters), West-North to South (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), North-East to West (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Meters), With in the above boundaries an extent of 2,160 Sq. Feet or 240 Sq. Yards or 200.640 Sq. Meters or 30 Ankanams of House Site.

Plot No.106 : East : North to South (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), South : East to West (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Meters), West : North to South (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), North-East to West (Measurements 60 Feet or 18,288 Meters), With in the above boundaries an extent of 2,160 Sq. Feet or 240 Sq. Yards or 200.640 Sq. Meters or 30 Ankanams of House Site. Plot No.107 : East : North to South (Measurements 55.4 Feet or 16.865 Meters), South-East to West (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Meters), West-North to South (Measurements 58 Feet or 17.678 Meters), North-East to West (Measurements 60 Feet or 18.288 Meters), With in the above boundaries an extent of 3,400 Sq. Feet or 377.77 Sq. yards or 315.822 Sq. Meters or 347 Ankanams and 57.50 Sq.feet of House Site. Plot No.108 : East-North to South (Measurements 56.5 Feet or 17.196 Meters), South-East to West (Measurements 53 Feet or 16.154 Meters), West : North to South (Measurements 55.4 Feet or 16.865 Meters), North-East to West (Measurements 63.6 Feet or 19.355 Meters), With in the above boundaries an extent of 3,225.50 Sq. feet or 358.38 Sq. yards or 299.613 Sq. Meters or 44 Ankanams and 57.50 Sq.feet of House Site. Plot No.109 : East : North to South (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), South-East to West (Measurements 48.8 Feet or 14.834 Meters), West : North to South (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), North East to West (Measurements 53 Feet or 16.154 Meters), With in the above boundaries an extent of 1,830 Sq. Feet or 203.33 Sq. yards or 169.987 Sq. Meters or 25 Ankanams and 30 Sq.feet of House Site. Plot No.110 : East : North to South (Measurements 38.9 Feet or 11.201, Meters), South-East to West (Measurements 44.2 Feet or 13.462 Meters), West : North to South (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), North-East to West (Measurements 48.8 Feet or 14.834 Meters), With in the above boundaries an extent of 1,688.50 Sq. feet or 187.61 Sq. yards or 156.843 Sq. Meters or 23 Ankanams and 32.50 Sq.feet of House Site. Plot No.111 : East : North to South 36.3 Feet or 11.049 Meters), South-East to West (Measurements 40 Feet or 12.192 Meters), West : North to South (Measurements 36 Feet or 10.973 Meters), North-East to West (Measurements 44.2 Feet or 13.462 Meters), With in the above boundaries an extent of 1,520.20 Sq. Feet or 168.91 Sq. yards or 141.214 Sq. Meters or 21 Ankanams and 8.25 Sq.feet of House Site. Total Plot Nos.84 (Western Portion), 85 (Western Portion) 104.), 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111 (Total 10 Plots). Total extent of 20,340.25 Sq. Feet or 2,260.02 Sq. yards or 1889.383 Sq. Meters or 282 Ankanams and 36.25 Sq.feet of Vacant Site.

Schedule - O : (Property Owned by Mrs. Kondapalli Rikmini (Legal heir of Late Kondapalli Srinivasulu) Mr. Late Konndapalli Rajesh, Mr. Kondapalli Sreeram, Mrs. Kondapalli Umamaheshwari)

Item No.1 : The Site Now existing and Superstructure to be putup thereon in the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Gudur Registration District, Gudur Sub-Registration, Gudur Mandal, Gudur Municipality area, East Gudur Village, Ward No.6. Poolathota Area, Near to D.No.27 in Survey No.799-P1 an extent of Ac.0.42 Cents or 254.1 Ankanams or 2032.8 Sq.yards of Vacant Site; Ac.0-50 Cents or 302.5 Ankanams or 2,420 Sq.Yards of Vacant Site within the following boundaries : Old Boundaries: East - Land of Talamma Devastanam to some extent and Land of Singapati Sankaralah to some extent South Others Land, West - Land (Ac.0-08) Sold to Kondapalli Srinivasulu (Item No.2), North : Land of Vakati Jeevan Reddy. New Boundaries : East - Land of Talamma Devastanam to some extent and Land of Singapati Sankaraiah to some extent and 20 ft. width Road to some extent. South - Others Land, West : Land (Ac.0-08) Sold to Kondapalli Srinivasulu (Item No.2), North : Land of Vakati Jeevan Reddy. An extent of Ac.0-50 Cents or 302.5 Ankanams or 2420 Sq.yards of Vacant Site with all Easementary rights.

Item No.2 : The Site Now existing and Superstructure to be putup thereon in the future situated at SPSR Nellore District, Gudur Registration District, Gudur Sub-Registration, Gudur Mandal, Gudur Municipality Area. East - Gudur Village, Ward No.6, Poolathota Area, Near to D.No.27 in Survey No.799-P1 an extent of Ac.0.80 Cents or 48.4 Ankanams or 387.2 Sq.yards of Vacant Site out of Ac.0-50 Cents in a Total Extent of Ac.2-02 within the following boundaries : East : Land (Ac.0-42) Sold to Kondapalli Srinivasulu (Item No.1), South : Others Land, West : IsukAc.henu Kaluva, North : Land of Vakati Jeevan Reddy. An extent of Ac.0-08 Cents or 48.4 Ankanams or 387.2 Sq.yards of Vacant Site with all Easementary rights.

Movables Hypothecated to our Bank
Schedule - P

Stock of readymade garments for men, women, and kids stored at 1) Fashion Influence Clothing India (p) ltd., D.No. 1/1/27, Beri Street, Tirupati-517501,Chitoor Dist., A.P., 2) Fashion Influence Clothing India (p) Ltd., KRB Complex, Shirdi Sai Nagar, Old NH Road, Near RTC Depot, Gudur - 524101, Nellore District, A.P., 3) Fashion Influence Clothing India (p) Ltd., D.No.13/272 Hospital Road, Gudur - 524101, Nellore District. 4) Fashion Influence Clothing India (p) Ltd., D.No.16/4/59, Subedarpet Road, Opposite Vijaya Dairy, Nellore - 524001, A.P., 5) Fashion Influence Clothing India (p) Ltd., D.No.3/2/98, Darga Road, Naidupet, Nellore District - 524126, A.P., 6) Fashion Influence Clothing India (p) Ltd., D.No 6/29/12A, Lakshmipuram X Road, KVR Complex, Near KUB, Guntur - 522403, A.P., 7) Fashion Influence Clothing India (p) Ltd., D.No 29/1051/2, Palnad Road, Near RTC Bus Stand, Velattur Cross, Vinukonda - 522647, A.P.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 22-05-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

भारत सरकार - अंतरिक्ष विभाग / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA - DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
निर्माण एवं अनुरक्षण समूह, एसडीएससी-शार / CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC-SHAR
श्रीहरिकोटा / नेल्लूर (जिला), आं.प्र./ SRIHARIKOTA - 524124

संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

ई–निविदा सूचना सं./e-Tender Notice No.CMG/C/V 238712, C 238713 — तिथि/ Date. 17.05.2023

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से, "सतीश धवन अंतरिक्ष केंद्र, शार के आगंतुक परिसर में प्रस्तावित प्रवेश प्लाजा भवन का सिविल कार्य" (अनुमानित लागत ₹ 396 लाख); "सतीश धवन अंतरिक्ष केंद्र, शार के पीआईएफ परिसर में समाकलन भवन तथा एसी संयंत्र के बीच एमएस कैनोपी के साथ पॉलीकार्बोनेट शीट वाली छत प्रदान करना तथा निर्माण का कार्य" (अनुमानित लागत ₹ 65 लाख); हेतु मद दर ई–निविदाएं आमंत्रित हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज **07.06.2023** तथा **05.06.2023** को **14:30 बजे** तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट **www.isro.gov.in** या **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** देखें।

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for **"Proposed Entrance Plaza building at Visitors Complex, SDSC SHAR (Civil Works)" (₹ 396 Lakhs); "Providing and erection of MS canopy with polycarbonate sheet roofing between Integration building and AC plant at PIF complex, SDSC SHAR" (₹ 65 Lakhs).** Tender documents can be downloaded up to **07.06.2023** and **05.06.2023, 14:30 hrs**. Interested tenderer may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार / **Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public are hereby notified that our clients(1) Mrs. Elizabeth Vaz, W/o Mr Seby Vaz and (2) Mr. Seby Vaz, S/o Mr Urbano Gregorio Vaz has lost the Original Sale deed 02/08/2003, vide document No.1136/2003-04, Book-1, dt:21.08.2003, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli on 21.08.2003, while my client Mrs. Elizabeth Vazwent for xerox of all the Documents at Amruthahalli Main Road and after obtaining the xerox, while coming back she have missed the above Original Sale deed dated 02/08/2003. Missed the Sale deed dated 02/08/2003 in xerox shop or in Transit. I have lodged a Police complaint on 18/05/2023 in Amruthalli Police Station with respect to the same. The said documents if found please contact below address or Phone Number. Misuser/s of the above said deed will be prosecuted in the court of Law.

K.S. RAGHAVENDRA
M/s. LAW ASSOCIATES, Advocates
No.40/2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross
AchaiahSetty Layout, RMV Extension,
Bangalore 560 080 Phone No.9845219783

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1-BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC NO: 13706

Canara Bank, Hegganahalli Cross Branch, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru-560 091. **...Certificate Holder**

Versus

M/s. Adithya Apparels & Another **...Certificate Debtor(s)**

DEMAND NOTICE

To

1. M/s. Adithya Apparels, Presently Jois Apparels, Rep. by its Proprietor: Sri. Girish.C.T. S/o. Sri. Thangappa.C.N. Are at: No.261, inside the compound of Ramakrishna Lodge, S.C.Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560 009.

2. Sri. Girish.C.T. S/o. Sri. Thangappa.C.N. Proprietor of Adithya Apparels, Presently Jois Apparels, Are at: No.261, inside the compound of Ramakrishna Lodge, S.C.Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560 009.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.274/2016** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru **on 20/02/2018** an amount of **Rs. 22,78,341/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Forty One Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **22nd day of Nov, 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGCO25521)

No: EEE/AEE/MWD/CHN/2023-24/142-43 — Dated: 18.05.2023

NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited has formulated a scheme under section 28 and clause (e) of section 18 of the Indian Electricity Supply Act 1948 and the scheme is herewith published in pursuance of section 29(2) of the said act and also under Indian Electricity Act 2003 section 67 to be read with 67(2), this notification is issued for information of the General public. Particulars of scheme are as here under.

1. Name of the work : Construction of 66kv DC line from existing 66kv Beguru-Saraguru line to 66/11kv **Hura** sub-station for a distance of **1.625kms** in Nanjangudu Taluk & Mysore District. **Salient Feature** : Improvement of Voltage and to meet future load growth in and around Hura, Hadya, Hullahalli, Nanjangudu Taluk, Mysuru District. **66 KV Line Passing Through** : **Hadya** village. Survey No- 56,55,54. And Its limits.

Hura village survey no: 218,243,244,249,250,251,252, 253,254, 255,260, 270,271,274,271, and its limits. **Approximate length line** : 1.6251Kms. **Approximate cost** : 237.18 Lakhs

2. Name of the work : Re-Construction of 66kv Devanuru (Nanjangudu)-Panyadahundi-Chamarajanagara SC line by replacing existing SC tower by DC towers with new coyote conductor in the existing corridor for a distance of **22.857kms** in Chamarajanagara Taluk & District. **Salient Feature** : Improvement of Voltage and to meet future load growth in and around Devanuru, kavalande, Doddakavalande, Kellamballi, Kiragasuru Kadahalli, masagapura, Chamarajanagara Taluk.

66 KV Line Passing Through : **Devanuru** village. Survey No- 286.285,275,274,286,273,272,271, 270,288,289,290, 329, 330,328,316,317, 314,313, 319,312, 376,375,369, 370,373, 376,312,311,310,307, 308,305,306. And its limits. **Chikkakowlande** village survey no: 258,260,261,23,22,32, 33,37,36,35, 46,45,104,103,106,107, 110,101,113,100,114, 99,98,97 and its limits. **Dooddakowlande** village survey no: 29,30,31,275,32,274, 272,53,52,51,63,64,65, and its limits.

Chunchanahalli village survey no: 330,334,331,328,317, 318,315, 313,503,504,505,312, and its limits. **Konanuru** village survey no: 51,182,183,26,37,38,41, 42,44,46,47, 48,49,13,79,12,80,78,81, 83,76,84,85,86,87 and its limits. **Konanapura** village survey no: 26,24,23,32,33,16, 36,37,38,33, 259,43,42,263,59,60,61, 62,68,67,268,272 and its limits. **Badanaguppe** village survey no: 354,117,364,119, 118, 120, 121,122,511,129,130,131,132,143,133, 134,135,136, 74,73,72,71, 59, 60, 61,62, 31, 32, 33,34,23,227, 373,374,372, 230, 371,496,495,381,383, 382. and its limits.

Kellamballi village survey no: 452.380.383.382.437.470. 390.391.60.61.62.118.440.347.392.646.393. 394.80.396. 118.451.81.82.358.114.113.112.109.108.93.297. 295.296.293. 292.287.286.284.281.280.248.249.252.244.243. and its limits. **Kiragasuru** village survey no: 173,172,223,225,226 and its limits. **Masagapura** village survey no: 107, 86, 87,85,84,72,71,3. And its limits. **Kadahalli** village survey no: 205,26,27,25,24,21,214,20,19,18, 186,187,179,180,181, And its limits. **Approximate length line** : 22.857Kms. **Approximate cost** : 1206.91 Lakhs.

KPTCL shall have and exercise all powers under the section 164 of Indian Electricity Act 2003 read with Para (iii) of the Indian Telegraph act 1885 (10 to 19 & 19A of 1885) for implementation of the above said scheme. Any objection regarding the above scheme shall be sent to the under signed office within **Two months** from the date of Publication of this notification for consideration by Corporation.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, (Elecl.,)
Chamarajanagara Major Works Division,
KPTCL, N. R. Mohalla, Mysuru-7.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of Secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Prakash Dinesh Babu Mrs.Manjula Mr.Prakash M/S Anu Gallery **Prospect No IL10309391**	**18-May-2023 is ₹ 21,94,997.00/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Only)	all that piece and parcel of the property being : Survey No : 199, Area Ad Measuring 1064 Sq. Ft., Situated at Ullala Village , Yeshwanthpura Hobbli – 2, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560091 **Bounded By : North** : Vacant Land **South** : Property belongs to Nagaraju **East** : Road **West** : Vacant Land

If the said Borrower fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office :** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 or **Corporate Office** : IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place : Bangalore , Date : 22.05.2023 — **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

DOCUMENT LOST

I, Sachidananda S.R. No.93, Krishna Road, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore-560079, have lost the original Notarized GPA dated 10-02-1998, executed by Karmikara Raithara Vasathi Nirmana Sahakari Sangha Limited, Bangalore, represented by its Secretary Sri. B.G. Visweswaraiah S/o. Nallur Shivaram Bhat, in favour of Smt. M. Vijayakumari with respect to the Site No.972, formed in Sy.No.7, in Dwarakanagar, Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Khata No. 538/972/7/538. And in this regard I have made a Police compliant vide E-Lost Report No.0563447/2023, dated 16-05-2023. I hereby request the General Public to inform to the nearest police station if found or to return please contact this **No. 9901304008**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that our client has entered into an Agreement to Sell for the purpose of purchasing the SCHEDULE PROPERTY described hereunder with its owner, **Sri. ANAND BABU V.**, son of late Venugopal, aged about 47 years, Residing at No 24, 17th Main Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040 for a lawful consideration. Any person / bank /society/ institutions or any other body, having any legally enforceable claims, right, title, interest, on the below mentioned Schedule property, may file/ lodge their objections, claims, in writing, with the supporting documents to the undersigned, within **10 days** from the date of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period our client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Municipal No.24, (Old No.2419/C)** BBMP PID No.34-33-24, situated at 1st A Main Road, Hampi Nagar, R.P.C Layout, New BBMP Ward No.124, Old Ward No.34, Bengaluru-560040, measuring east to west 30 feet, north to south 36 feet, in all measuring 1080 Square feet, and bounded on the:-

East by: Site No. 2419/D
West by: Private Layout
North by: Road
South by: Site No.2420/B

The above said Schedule property comprising of Residential building consisting of Ground Floor and First Floor.

Sri G.S.SRINIVAS,
AJS ADVOCATES, 8, 2nd Main, 9th Cross, Indiranagar Ist Stage, Bengaluru,- 560 038.
Mob: 98451 63155
Date: 22-05-2023

FORM NO. 14: [See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001.

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC 533/2021 — **01/12/2021**

CANARA BANK, #181, NAGARABHAVI 2ND STAGE, 2ND BLOCK, OPP. BDA COMPLEX, RING ROAD, BENGALURU - 560 062. **...CERTIFICATE HOLDER**

Versus

M/S. PSP ENTERPRISES AND OTHER

TO

1) M/S. PSP ENTERPRISES, REPRESENTED BY ITS PROPRIETOR SMT. SHASHIKALA W/o. SRI. KRISHANPPA, NO.457-1, 1ST CROSS, ENCHANAHALLI, IDEAL HOMES TOWNSHIP, RAJARAJESHWARI NAGAR, BENGALURU - 560 098.

2) SMT. SHASHIKALA W/o. SRI. KRISHANPPA, PROPRIETOR OF M/S. PSP ENTERPRISES, NO.457-1, 1st CROSS, ENCHANAHALLI, IDEAL HOMES TOWNSHIP, RAJARAJESHWARI NAGAR, BENGALURU - 560 098. **...CERTIFICATE DEBTORS**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT-1) in **OA/1252/2019** an amount of **Rs. 29,29,503.00 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Three Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest and costs till realization. 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. 4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **01/01/2022 at 10:30 a.m.** for further proceedings. 5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **date: 01/12/2021.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 1)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited
(A Joint Venture of GoI & GoK)
Metro Rail Depot, Old Madras Road, Near NGEF Bus Stop, Baiyappanahalli, Bengaluru - 560 038. Ph.: 080-25191039
E-mail: contactus@bmrc.co.in, Website: www.bmrc.co.in

No: BMRCL/O&M/CSW/L2/01/2023-24 — Date: 22.05.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

BMRCL invites tenders from eligible tenderers for **" Annual Maintenance Contract for** RO drinking water units, STP and ETP units at Line 2 metro stations, RSS switch yards and Peenya depot". Estimated Cost: **Rs. 24.00 Lakhs.** Tender Security Amount: **Rs. 60,000/-.** Sale period of tender documents through online: **22.05.2023 to 16.06.2023 (Till Midnight).** Date & time for submission of tender: **21.06.2023 (from 11.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs).** Date & time for opening of tender: **21.11.2022 (at 15.30 hrs).** Cost of tender document: **Rs.2,360/-.** Completion period: **12 Months.** Tender can be downloaded from BMRCL Website. For more information visit **https://tender.bmrc.co.in**

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Brief E-TENDER NOTICE / CORRIGENDUM-A

No:SHAR:CMG:CIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-02(A)/23-24 — **Dt:19.05.2023**

"Providing RCC Substructure & steel column works @ Admin bldg, Keepakam" (T/C-23-005, Est. cost ₹ 12.91 Lakhs); **"Renovation works in Annexure Bldg @ SP2B & fencing works @ P3 Radar"** (T/C-23-006, Est. cost ₹ 8.85 Lakhs); **"Construction of security cabin, Misc works @ SMPC unit-1"** (T/C-23-007, Est. cost ₹ 10.74 Lakhs); **"False ceiling works @ New LCC & flooring works @ MON3 Bldg"** (T/C-23-008, Est. cost ₹ 16.24 Lakhs) **"Misc civil works @ SMPC Unit-I"** (T/C-23-009, Est. cost ₹ 10.43 Lakhs). **Sale period extended up to 31.05.2023.** Interested tenderers may visit www.isro.gov.in or www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO for details.

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT. 2002

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 (the said Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules. 2002 (the said Rule) In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of said Rule, the authorized officer has issued Demand notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Co-borrowers, Guarantor/s to repay the loan amount mentioned in the respective demand notices issued to them. In connection with above notice is hereby given once again to all the parties to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s) amount dues on date of Demand Notice and Security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Sr. No.	Loan Agreement No./Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Co-Applicant Name/Guarantor Name	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset(s) (Immovable Property/ies)
1	**LXMYS00417-180068071 / Gavisiddu Late Andanaiah / Savitha M M**	**20-Dec-21/Rs.466277/-** (Rupees Four Lac Sixty Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Only)	Property No.- 94, Mahadevapura Village & Gp, Unique No.- 152100700200300136, Srirangapattana,Mandya, Shrirangapattana, Mandya Karnataka- 571415

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to MOHFL as aforesaid MOHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets Under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risk of the said Borrowers as to the cost and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of MOHFL. Any person who contravenes or abates contravention of the provision of the said Act or Rules shall be liable for imprisonment and / or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place :Karanataka
Date : 22.05.2023

Sd/-
Authorized Officer,
(Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited)

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Nishi Bhaiya**, Daughter of **Kamalesh Chandra Mehta** and wife of **Rohan Bhaiya**, Aged about 28 years, Residing at Shapoorji Pallonji Park West Emerald Tower 2 Flat, No. 1205, Hoskere Road, Binnypete Magadi Road, Next to ETA Mall, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560 023, do hereby declare that **Nishi Mehta** and **Nishi Bhaiya** is the name of one and the same person and that is myself. Vide affidavit dated 20.05.2023 sworn to before Mamatha .N.K, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400 069, Maharashtra.
Kengeri Branch : Site No 1107,2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Opposite to Dominos, Kengeri - 560060, (Karnataka).
KR Puram Branch : Office No. 1218, 2nd Floor, Pooja Complex, Old Madras Road, K R Puram, Bangalore-560036,(KA).
Malleshwaram Branch : NO 16/12 , Nagarathna Nilaya , 1St Floor 1St A Cross , 2nd Main , 150 Feet Ring Road, Nandhini Layout 2nd Block, Opposite to RajKumar Smarak / Nr Kanteerva studio, Bangalore :- 560096
Yelahanka Branch : #293,2nd Floor, Smk Complex,Ist Main Road, Chikkabommasandra Circle,Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064,(KA).
Jayanagar (Old Branch Bommanahalli) Branch : Office No. 180,Amrutha ,5Th Main,4Th Block West, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011,(KA).

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.(AHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s)to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property
1.	(Loan Code : **22900000619** **Kengeri Branch)** **Saroja G** (Borrower) **Gajendra N** (Co Borrower)	**15-05-2023** **₹ 11,16,135.00**	111 2A Site No 9 Shree Annapurneshwari Dc Conve Rsion Layout Chennadasapalya Chennenahalli Kurubarahalli, Bengaluru - 562130, Karnataka.
2.	(Loan Code : **21410000016** **KR Puram Branch)** **Mahalakshmi B S** (Borrower) **Prasanna Yadava L K** (Co Borrower)	**15-05-2023** **₹ 7,23,775.00**	Na Na Na Na 2Nd Cross Maruthi Layout, Shivanapura V Site No.29 Dasanapura Bengaluru Urban-562162, Karnataka.
3.	(Loan Code : **18900005144** **Malleshwaram Branch)** **Hanumantha L** (Borrower) **Mastyamma M** (1st Co Borrower) **Mallesh H** (2nd Co Borrower)	**15-05-2023** **₹ 14,91,888.00**	53 308 Site No 53 308 Katha No 53 308 Hegganahalli Village Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru - 560091, Karnataka.
4.	(Loan Code : **21500000913** **Yelahanka Branch)** **Ashok S** (Borrower) **Yashodha A** (Co Borrower)	**15-05-2023** **₹ 15,91,136.00**	Sy No 26 3 Flat No 008 Ground Floor Samaya Royal A Prt Chikkabettahalli Village Yelahanka Hobli , Bengaluru - 560064, Karnataka.
5.	(Loan Code : **18900004444 & 18900005238** **Malleshwaram Branch)** **Shivakumar P R** (Borrower) **Mamatha M P** (Co Borrower)	**15-05-2023** **₹ 7,08,206.00 &** **₹ 12,69,435.00**	1319 8 Site No 8 Hesaraghatta Village V P Kh Atha No 266 2 New V P Khatha 1319 8 He Saraghatta Village, Bengaluru - 560088, Karnataka.
6.	(Loan Code : **21300000128** **Jayanagar (Old Branch Bommanahalli) Branch)** **Koteshwarulu C** (Borrower) **Vimala K** (Co Borrower)	**17-05-2023** **₹ 2,24,697.00**	Site No 4 Sy No 20 13 Dasanapura Hullego Wdanahalli , Bengaluru - 562123, Karnataka.

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFL as aforesaid, AHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place : Kengeri, KR Puram, Malleshwaram, Yelahanka and Jayanagar — **Authorised Officer**
Date : 22.05.2023 — **Aadhar Housing Finance Limited**

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FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

Registered Office: A Wing, Unit No.511, Kanakia Wall Street, Andheri – Kurla Rd, Andheri East, Mumbai, Maharashtra – 400093

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Authorised Officer of FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis, offers are invited to submit online through the Web Portal of our e-Auction Service Partner, M/s. Inventon Solutions Pvt. Limited (Inventon) i.e. https://auctions.inventon.in by the undersigned for sale of the immovable property of which particulars are given below and For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Fedbank Financial Services Limited (FEDFINA) Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.fedfina.Com & Link https://www.fedfina.com/public-notice-for-auction-cum-sale/ .

Description of Property	All that piece and parcel of the property New municipal No. 1709A:27:1, Survey No. 87/2, situated at Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bangalore City Corporation Division 12, Rajajinagara 3rd Stage, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 45 feet, North to South 20 feet + All that piece and parcel of the property bearing municipal No. 1710:28, existing BDA No. 1710. Existing Survey No. 87:2, previously Kethamaranahalli Village, Survey No. 88 bearing PID No. 23-31-28, situated at Prakash Nagar, 1st Main, 80 feet Road, Rajajinagara 3rd Stage, existing Bangalore city corporation Ma:3, existing 12th Division and measuring East to West 60 feet, North to South 15 feet (both properties are merged)	All that piece and parcel of residential building property consisting stilt floor, ground floor, 1st floor, 2nd floor and 3rd floor including terrace floor, constructed over the residential property bearing BBMP Khatha No. 396/1059/1027/24/1/ 45/26/2, situated at Arekere Village, Arekere Sub – Division, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now within the preview of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West: 90 Feet, North to South: 128 Feet, and total extent of 11520 Sq. Ft.
RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.)	**Rs.3,73,30,049/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventy Three Lakhs Thirty Thousand Forty Nine Only)**	**Rs.10,33,39,041/- (Rupees Ten Crore Thirty Three Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Forty One Only)**
EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.) THROUGH DD/PO IN FAVOR OF 'FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED'	**Rs. 37,33,005/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Thirty Three Hundred Five Only)**	**Rs. 1,03,33,904/- (Rupees One Crore Three Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Four Only)**
BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	**Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)**	**Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)**
LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS WITH SEALED OFFER/ TENDER WITH EMD	Till 09th June, 2023 latest by 05:00 P.M. at - FedBank Financial Services Limited, Jelitta Towers, 21/1, 3rd Floor, Mission Road, Bangalore – 560016	Till 09th June, 2023 latest by 05:00 P.M. at - FedBank Financial Services Limited, Jelitta Towers, 21/1, 3rd Floor, Mission Road, Bangalore – 560016
DATE AND TIME, FOR OPENING OF BIDS	12th June, 2023 from 10 AM to 10:30 AM	12th June, 2023 from 10 AM to 10:30 AM
INSPECTION OF PROPERTIES	06th June 2023 Before 5 PM	06th June 2023 Before 5 PM
LAST DATE FOR PAYMENT OF 25% OF ACCEPTED HIGHEST BID FOR CONFIRMED SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(INCLUSIVE OF EMD)	The payment should be made latest by next working day from the date of bid confirmation	The payment should be made latest by next working day from the date of bid confirmation
LAST DATE FOR PAYMENT OF BALANCE 75% OF HIGHEST BID	Within 15 days from the date of bid Confirmation	Within 15 days from the date of bid Confirmation
LOAN DETAILS	Loan A/c No - FEDBNGLAP0479450 **1. GRB Enterprises (Borrower)** **2. Mr. Balaji R S/o. Late Gopalreddy Raghunath (Co-Borrower)** **3. Mrs. Jamuna W/o. Late Gopalreddy Raghunath (Co-Borrower)** **4. Mrs. Uma V W/o. Balaji R (Co – Borrower)** **5. Mr. Gopalreddy Raghunath (Co – Borrower)** **6. Sharmila D/o. Gopalreddy Raghunath W/o. Sunil Kumar (Co-Borrower)**	Loan A/c Nos - FEDBNGLAP0478335 & FEDBNGLAP0485613 **1. M/s. Sri Sai Prasanna Indane Services (Borrower)** **2. Mrs. Malavika S Prasad Co – Borrower and Legal Heir of deceased Mr. Yadavendra Prasad, Proprietor of M/s. Sri Sai Prasanna Indane Services (Co – Borrower)** **3. Mr. Akshay Prasad M Y Co-borrower and Legal Heir of deceased Mr. Yadavendra Prasad, Proprietor of M/s. Sri Sai Prasanna Indane Services (Co – Borrower)** **4. Ms. Aishwarya Prasad M Y, Legal Heir of deceased Mr. Yadavendra Prasad, proprietor of M/s. Sri Sai Prasanna Indane Services**
Total Liabilities with further interest and other charges.	Rs. 4,48,14,469/- (Rupees Four Crore Forty Eight Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Nine Only) as on 15/05/2023	Loan Account Nos. — Total Outstanding as on 15/05/2023 FEDBNGLAP0478335 — Rs. 6,24,90,369.00 FEDBNGLAP0485613 — Rs. 27,17,031.00 Total — Rs. 6,52,02,400.00

Important Terms & Conditions of Sale:

(1) The Auction is conducted as per the further Terms and Conditions of the Bid document and as per the procedure set out therein. Bidders may go through the website of our E-Auction Service Provider, M/s. Inventon Solutions Pvt. Limited (Inventon) i.e. https://auctions.inventon.in for bid documents, the details of the secured asset put up for e-Auction and the Bid Form which will be submitted online;

(2) All the intending purchasers / bidders are required to register their name in the Web Portal mentioned above as https://auctions.inventon.in and generate their User ID and Password in free of cost of their own to participate in the e-Auction on the date and time aforesaid;

(3) For any enquiry, information, support, procedure and online training on e-Auction, the prospective bidders may contact Client Service Delivery (CSD) Department of our Sales & Marketing and e-Auction Service Partner M/s. Inventon Solutions Pvt. Limited, through E-mail ID: care@inventon.net or Authorised officer of Fedbank Financial Services Limited Mr. Bhaskar Reddy (Regional Collection Manager) Contact No – 9986160143, Email Id - bhaskar.reddy@fedfina.com & Mr. Bharath Kumar A N (Area Collection Manager) Contact No -968622280 Email Id - bharathkumar.an@fedfina.com.

(4) To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised officer, there is no encumbrance in the property / ies. However, the intending bidders may inspect the property and its documents as mentioned above or any other date & time with prior appointment and they should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrance, title of property/ies put on e-Auction and claims / right / dues / affecting the property prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute any commitment or any representation of FEDFINA. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED. The Authorised officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims / rights / dues;

(5) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including 10% deposited before bid) immediately on the sale being knocked down in his favour. Payment to be made only in the form of Banker's Cheque/DD drawn in favour of 'FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED' payable at MUMBAI.

(6) The tenderers will not be entitled to claim any interest if the refund of EMD is delayed for any reason whatsoever.

(7) The secured Asset(s) / property(ies) is / are offered for sale on "As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is", "Whatever There Is" And "No Recourse" Basis. The Fedfina does not undertake any responsibility to procure any permission / license etc. in respect of the secured asset(s)/immovable property (ies) offered for sale or for any dues / charges including outstanding water/service charges, transfer fees, electricity dues, dues of the local authority and /or any other dues, taxes, if any, in respect of the said immovable secured asset (s) / immovable property(ies).

(8) If the dues of the FEDFINA together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by it or part thereof as may be acceptable to the FEDFINA are tendered by or on behalf of the borrower or guarantor(s) at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer of the secured assets, the secured asset(s) /immovable property (ies) in question shall not be sold or transferred. The tenderers will not be entitled to claim any interest on the amount already paid to the FEDFINA.

(9) For participating in the e-Auction, intending purchasers/bidders will have to submit / upload in the Web Portal https://auctions.inventon.in the details of payment of interest-free refundable Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the secured asset as mentioned above by way of Demand Draft in favour of 'FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED' payable at Mumbai along with self-attested copies of the PAN Card, Aadhaar Card, Residence Address Proof, Board Resolutions in case of company and Address Proof as specified above. The Borrower (s) / Mortgager(s) / Guarantor(s) are hereby given STATUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE UNDER RULE 6 (2), 8 (6) & 9 (1) OF THE SARFAESI ACT to discharge the liability in full and pay the dues as mentioned above along with upto date interest and expenses within 15 DAYS from the date of this notice failing which the Secured Asset will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above. In case there is any discrepancy between the publications of sale notice in English and Vernacular newspaper, then in such case the English newspaper will supersede the vernacular newspaper and it shall be considered as the final copy, thus removing the ambiguity. If the borrower / guarantors / mortgagers pays the amount due to FEDFINA, in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped. -- For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, kindly visit our official website & Link www.fedfina.Com & https://www.fedfina.com/public-notice-for-auction-cum-sale/ or contact the Authorised Officer Mr.Bhaskar Reddy (Regional Collection Manager) Contact No – 9986160143 Email Id- bhaskar.reddy@fedfina.com & Mr. Bharath Kumar A N (Area Collection Manager) Contact No -968622280 Email Id - bharathkumar.an@fedfina.com of the Fedbank Financial Services Limited

Special Instruction: - e-Auction shall be conducted by our Service Provider, M/s. Inventon Solutions Pvt. Limited (Inventon) on behalf of Fedbank Financial Services Limited (FEDFINA), on pre-specified date, while the bidders shall be quoting from their own home / offices / place of their Bid as per their choice above the Reserve Price. Internet connectivity and other paraphernalia requirements shall have to be ensured by bidders themselves. Please note that failure of Internet connectivity (due to any reason whatsoever it may be) shall be sole responsibility of bidders and neither FEDFINA nor M/s. Inventon Solutions Pvt. Limited (Inventon) shall be responsible for these unforeseen circumstances. In order to ward-off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives whatever required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and still be able to participate in the e-Auction successfully. However, it is requested to the Bidder(s) not to wait till the last moment to quote/improve his / her Bid to avoid any such complex situations.

Date: 22.05.2023
Place: Bangalore

Authorized officer
For Fedbank Financial Services Limited

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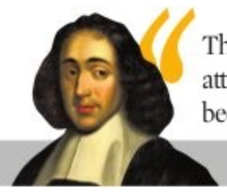

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RBI'S ₹2000 MOVE UNCLEAR AND CONFUSING, WILL HASSLE CITIZENS

It feels like a case of throwing the baby out with the bathwater. The government's latest 'masterstroke' of withdrawing ₹2,000 notes, more than six years after first starting their circulation, has bemused people more than shocked them. The purpose of the move has not been articulated clearly and appears to be a knee-jerk reaction. If the objective is to nab those hoarding black money in ₹2,000 notes—as many commentators suggest, including some of the pro-government voices—there are other means of cracking down on tax evaders rather than shaking the economy now and then to curb the supposed prevalence of black money.

By the government's admission, ₹2,000 notes account for only ₹3.62 lakh crore, 10.8% of notes in circulation, or 1.3% of the FY23 GDP. Unless it believes the entire ₹3.62 lakh crore held in ₹2,000 notes is black money, there is no justification for this surgical strike. The fact that the circulation of ₹2,000 notes halved from ₹6.73 lakh crore on March 31, 2018, to ₹3.62 lakh crore by March 31, 2023, is testimony enough that these notes would have diminished on their own. Not all cash is black and neither is holding cash in ₹2,000 notes illegal. This newspaper reported on Sunday that many traders and MSME promoters keep cash for working capital requirements. Much of it would be in ₹2,000 notes. Many labour-intensive businesses like construction and textiles pay their daily wage labourers in cash. So, holding cash in ₹2,000 notes is not unusual for logistical reasons.

Two days after the announcement, there is already a lot of confusion. Social media was abuzz with speculation that one would have to furnish identity proof to exchange the ₹2,000 notes in banks. SBI had to clarify that there is no such need. The confusion and chaos might intensify from May 23 onwards when banks start exchanging or depositing the notes. Besides, nobody seems to know what happens to the ₹2,000 notes after September 30, 2023. If they remain legal tender, what was the need for the September 30 deadline?

With this latest move, the government has again set the cat among the pigeons. People would be hassled, the economy would suffer, and, worst of all, it might shake people's faith in the rupee. But the government refuses to learn its lessons even as its action inconveniences its citizens.

CONGRESS WON ON 5 VOWS, NOW AIM FOR PUBLIC GOOD

Almost all of Karnataka is waiting for the implementation of the five guarantees promised by the Congress high command during the poll campaign—without a doubt one of the main factors that returned the party to power with a thumping victory where it won more than twice the number of seats than the BJP. The party high command had announced that if voted to power, the newly elected Congress government would approve the implementation of the five guarantees in the first cabinet meeting. Siddaramaiah did just that on Saturday immediately after the swearing-in ceremony when the newly inducted 10-member cabinet he now heads met for the first time.

The promised schemes are—Gruha Jyothi (200 power units free to every household); Gruha Lakshmi (₹2,000 to every woman head of a family); Anna Bhagya (10 kg rice every month to every member of BPL family); Yuva Nidhi (₹3,000 per month to unemployed graduates and ₹1,500 to unemployed diploma holders in the 18–25 age group for two years); and Shakti (free travel for women in state corporation buses across Karnataka). These may cost the government ₹50,000 crore per year. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is confident about raising the amount to support the schemes. Expectedly, in some parts of the state, people whose homes have consumed less than 200 units of power have already refused to pay their electricity bills. They hope to make the most of the Gruha Jyothi guarantee. Why pay when freebies are coming your way?

But there are concerns, especially about schemes like Gruha Lakshmi and Yuva Nidhi, which involve direct benefit transfer. Will the intended beneficiaries really benefit? Gruha Lakshmi in a patriarchal society could compromise the benefits intended for the women heads of households, with the money possibly being used for wrong purposes by the men in the house. The dole for unemployed graduates and diploma holders under Yuva Nidhi raises similar concerns of potential misuse linked to the effects of lack of employment.

The new government, still in its formative stages, may do well to remember that the democratic principle of the welfare state holds those in power accountable to the people and that the government is, at best, a facilitator of public good. While eyeing a poll victory when promising the guarantees, the new government now needs to convert its words into actions.

QUICK TAKE

PUNISH BAD DRUG MAKERS

Thirty-five common drug samples failed quality tests the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation conducted this month. One drug came up spurious. Last month, 48 drugs failed random testing. They included highly sought BP-lowering drugs. The failure figures for January and February were 67 and 59, respectively. Coming on top of complaints about Indian-made drugs abroad, it is a severe setback and exposes the lack of oversight. It is high time the government's universal seal of quality becomes mandatory for all manufactured drugs. Working towards it, the government must lay down rigid rules for pharma companies found tampering with data integrity.

While the Kukis fear raids by organised mobs from the Meitei community, Meitei farming villages at the base of the hills remain apprehensive of attacks by Kuki militants

THE MYRIAD HUES OF MANIPUR'S INTERNAL TUSSLES

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Two weeks after the communal violence between two major ethnic groups in Manipur—the Kukis and the Meiteis—the state, though calmer, remains tense, with as many as 45,000 displaced people still staying at shelters in different places in the state and outside, and the last rites of 73 bodies in various mortuaries yet to be completed.

Not all displaced people are direct victims of the riots, but villagers on both sides have fled to where they believe is safer. While the Kukis fear raids by organised mobs from the larger Meitei community, Meitei farming villages at the base of the hills remain apprehensive of attacks by Kuki militants, who are in a Suspension of Operation (SoO) truce with the government.

Under the SoO agreement, there are 25 Kuki militant organisations in two groupings—KNO and UPF. Cadres are allowed to keep their weapons, but only within the confines of designated camps supervised by the Assam Rifles. Each member gets a monthly stipend of ₹5,000.

The SoO understanding between Indian security forces and Kuki militants was informally reached in the 1990s, not long after another bout of bloody ethnic clashes between the Nagas and the Kukis—in which the Kukis suffered casualties disproportionately. The state government then was not made party to this, causing some hiccups in the larger counter-insurgency strategy. In 2008, this was solved, with SoO becoming an official tripartite agreement between the Kuki militants, the Centre and the state government. Some had speculated that this was also a counterweight to the influence of Naga and Meitei insurgents.

Thankfully, Meitei insurgents have stayed away from the present bloodletting. CorCom, a coordination committee they formed, instead came out with a statement which appealed for a return to normalcy, alleging that a gameplan of the Indian government to fragment Manipur's society is the hidden cause for the present crisis.

On the other hand, 10 Kuki MLAs, currently outside the state, are demanding a separate administration for the Kukis on the basis that the Kukis cannot live together with the Meiteis again. They have also charged that Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh and Rajya Sabha MP Leishemba Sanajaoba (both from the Meitei community) masterminded the recent carnage by sponsoring two little-known Meitei organisations—Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun.

The spark for the May 3 riots came from Churachandpur district, dominated by the Kukis and aligned tribes, when a solidarity rally of Nagas and Kukis to protest a proposal for inclusion of Meiteis in the Scheduled Tribes list turned violent. As the rally was concluding, a rumour that a Kuki war memorial site on the outskirts of Churachandpur township had been burned down by Meiteis—led to a mob rampage. Meitei settlements in and around Torbung, a village in the border area between Churachandpur and Bishnupur, were razed.

The memorial site is intact but pictures and videos of a tyre found burning near the gate is now available. Only an inquiry can determine if the incineration of the tyre matches the time that it is said to have begun burning.

When images of the arson attacks started spreading, and there also seemed no sign that the government was making any effort to take control, the violence spread. In Imphal, everything was normal until about 7 pm, before an arson case in the New Lambulane locality was reported. By the next day, the violence spread to several Kuki- and Meitei-dominated districts.

Why have only the Kukis responded so aggressively and not the Nagas? In the past, there have also been extreme tensions between the Nagas and the Meiteis, like when Thuingaleng Muivah, leader of the powerful Naga insurgent group NSCN(IM), was denied entry into Manipur by the state government—but such incidents did not result in communal riots.

The answer may lie in certain developments in recent times. One is the revival of an old narrative that the Kukis are nomadic and not indigenous to Manipur. Muivah has said this in several recent public statements as well. Other rivals also added to this, insulting the Kukis indiscriminately with adjectives like "refugees", "foreigners", etc., making this an open sore for the latter.

Kuki villages also have a tendency to proliferate because of a peculiar landholding tradition where village chiefs are sole owners of their villages, inducing capable villagers to leave and set up their own villages. This being so, even government initiatives such as the eviction of encroachers from reserved forests, the fight against Manipur's new scourge of poppy plantations, or the push for citizenship registration, etc., came to be seen as targeting the Kukis.

On the other hand, the stated reason for the Meitei demand for ST status is so they are not alienated from their land. They also see injustice in the fact there is no creamy layer clause in the ST reservation system, thereby giving ST colleagues in similar or even higher income brackets a head start in matters of job pursuits and tax savings.

A skewed land revenue administration system inherited from colonial times—separating revenue flatlands from non-revenue hills—has also pushed the Meiteis against the wall. While everybody can settle in the Imphal Valley, traditionally the Meiteis' home and which forms 10% of the state's area, the Meiteis are prohibited from settling in the hills which constitute 90% of the area. As land scarcity is confronted by a burgeoning population, there is an increasing sense of siege amongst these communities. Though it is unlikely they would be eager to settle in the hills even if they were free to do so, the very knowledge that they are prohibited to do so has heightened their claustrophobia.

Three decades ago, of the 20 hill constituencies in Manipur's 60-member Assembly, Nagas generally won 12 and Kukis 8. Today it is 10 each. Even a little influx of voters from outside can alter the balance further in these small constituencies. The examples of Kangpokpi, Chandel and Tengnoupal constituencies illustrate the potential for such a future conflict: Kangpokpi, once capable of having Naga, Kuki or even Nepali representatives, has today become a Kuki stronghold. Tengnoupal was once a Naga bastion, but today it has a Kuki representative. Chandel, once under a Naga grip, is now finely balanced between the Nagas and the Kukis.

Collective insecurities combined to make just the right mix for the storm on May 3. The question remains: what next? If the underlying causes of these troubles remain, there is no guarantee that more explosions like these will not happen in the future.

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GOLD BENEATH THE GRIME

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

An interesting *Jataka* comes to mind this week that I would like to retell for its morally cheering quality. Aeons ago, there lived a very rich merchant family in a grand city somewhere in the Upper Gangetic Plain. The family lived in great splendour in their magnificent town house with its large inner courtyard and its own temple. Acres of gardens surrounded the house and large cowsheds and stables stood at the back.

The family gave generously to orphans and homeless people, to the king's hospice and to the charitable projects of temples. They supported poor students and indigent widows and contributed handsomely to the upkeep of rest houses for travellers and pilgrims. They often went to their pleasant country estate upriver, where they put up swings in the mango orchards. They swam, boated, picnicked, played games of *pachisi*, sang songs and told stories over moonlight suppers, all three generations of them together—grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and children.

However, the fortunes of this family became greatly reduced when all the men and many women died one by one. The servants went away to find other work. Only an old grandmother and her little granddaughter were left. They escaped starvation by hiring themselves out as domestic workers to a few families.

Since they were too old and too young respectively to do heavy work, they did small kitchen chores for which they were paid accordingly. Their mornings became an endless round of light cleaning, peeling and cutting vegetables, washing and drying the whole spices, picking kilos of rice and lentils clean and helping to make pickles and papads. They were given leftover food after the families they worked for had eaten their morning meal. It was a massive comedown for those who had been waited on all their lives and never lacked anything, but they were glad not to have to beg.

At this time, the Bodhisattva or Buddha in a previous birth was a trader who worked in the city with another trader. This business partner was secretly less scrupulous than the Bodhisattva but the Bodhisattva knew nothing about it. Their agreement was to divide the town into territories and enter each other's area only after the other had left.

One afternoon, the greedy trader came down the former fine family's street calling aloud his wares. He had rare and costly things to offer like necklaces of foreign coins, coral strings and chains of fine glass beads imported from across the Eastern Sea.

Now nearly eight years old, the little girl had been taught her manners since she was barely two. She missed her mother and father, having lost them both in a boat wreck. But she managed not to complain about having to work so hard or not having enough to eat or wearing abominable old cast-offs. Nor did she complain about being spoken crossly to sometimes by the spoiled children of the houses she worked in. With the considerate behaviour of the well brought-up, she knew that doing so would have embarrassed and hurt her grandmother and so she shed tears only in private.

P RAVIKUMAR

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But an instinct for fine things was in her blood, so when she saw the trader's pretty necklaces she suddenly longed to have something nice of her own. So she begged her grandmother to trade what she could.

Touched to be asked, the grandmother rummaged in the storeroom of their crumbling house. She noticed a grimy bowl in a corner and brought it to the trader. One discreet scratch with a needle and the trader knew he held a bowl of solid gold. Plotting instantly to get it for almost nothing, he threw it back saying it was too worthless to trade and waited expectantly for the old lady to beg him to take it. But the old lady did no such thing for such a move simply did not occur to her.

Instead she withdrew quietly, little realising that it was the *payasa* bowl of the head of their family that had been put away after his death and become unrecognisably dirty. The little girl blinked back her disappointment and instead hugged her grandmother for trying.

When the Bodhisattva came by two hours after his wily business partner had left, the little girl did not dare accost him for fear of another snub. But he swung a handful of necklaces in such a friendly, jolly manner and smiled in such a kindly way, that she asked him to wait and called her grandmother. The grandmother brought the bowl back and handed it to the trader. She sent the little girl back to close the storeroom door so as to leave them alone for a minute.

When the little girl ran in, the grandmother whispered to the trader that she knew the bowl was worthless. But she pleaded with him to do the best he could, to give a very simple necklace or at least a bead bangle to the child.

"But who told you this bowl was worthless?" exclaimed the good trader, giving it a good rub and showing her its shine. Not only did he give them a fair deal for the golden bowl but he also obligingly paid cash for other things of value discovered in the storeroom. He even gifted the little girl a pretty glass bead necklace, just to please the child.

He went away with a clear conscience as usual, receiving many blessings from the grandmother and a radiant smile from the little girl, for the warm blanket so suddenly obtained from cold fate.

The greedy trader collapsed and died of rage when he found out. While the good trader was of course the Bodhisattva, the greedy trader who was not above trying to cheat widows and orphans was the Buddha's wicked cousin Devadatta.

This was the beginning of Devadatta's bitter and vengeful grudge against the Buddha through many births thereafter, carrying mountains of baggage and never being at peace for a moment in all those lifetimes.

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RBI's decision

Economists say RBI's decision to end the circulation of ₹2,000 notes can have a disruptive effect on the economy especially vis-à-vis small traders, farmers, and MSMEs. We are in a cryptic condition with regards to what we have achieved from the introduction of these notes in 2016 and what we have to gain from the end of circulation. The economy need not be understood only by economic aces like Amartya Sen, Raghuram Rajan, etc. The objective of the government is still not clear.
E Sethuramalingam, Kollam

Election preparations

Prabhu Chawla's *Brand Modi needs regional franchises* (May 21) is a fine analysis of the causes of BJP's dismal show in Karnataka. The general election is less than a year away and preparations must start now. Inadequate preparation and a delay in finalising on candidates led to the poor show in Karnataka.
Balasubramanyam, email

Regional parties

Prabhu Chawla's political analysis has purposely avoided some recent harmful trends in Indian politics. The unity of regional parties only for the sake of power sharing will be dangerous for the nation. These parties have divergent ideologies, castes, languages, etc. The present opposition unity is to grab power and thwart the growth of the country.
Asokakumar, Thrikkunnapuzha

Mekedatu project

The Mekedatu project is a bone of contention between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. As the former Opposition, the Congress undertook a *padayatra* demanding its implementation by the previous BJP government. Now that it has come to power, it will be interesting to see how it proceeds to implement the project.
S Ravindranath, Bengaluru

Annamalai's efforts

Opposition leaders usually criticise the failures of the government and stop with that. State BJP leader Annamalai not only called for 80% closure of Tasmac shops but promised to provide a white paper to the government on increasing the revenue. He stands apart from other leaders with a strong vision of effective governance.
K Venkatasubramanian, Coimbatore

Taxing movies

State governments giving tax-free status to movies aligned with their ideology is dangerous. This will encourage producers to release films which are likely to please the powers that be. There should be some criteria as to when a movie deserves tax-free status.
Santosh S, email

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated 32 years ago on this day. One of his last achievements was finalization of the Congress' manifesto for 1991 Lok Sabha polls

Himanta Biswa Sarma @himanta
In last 2 years, we have struck at the roots of militancy and firmly put our state on the highway of peace and progress

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The Delhi ordinance is an insult to the judiciary. This is the result of negative politics of BJP and also of democratic-injustice

Modi's visit will deepen ties with India: US

US Secy of State Anthony Blinken meets EAM Jaishankar on sidelines of the G7 summit, ahead of PM's visit in June

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday met US President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Hiroshima with a warm hug. Later, the duo met again during the Quad Leaders' Summit.

No bilateral meeting, however, did take place. But the PM's upcoming visit to the US in June is expected more than cover up missed opportunity for a bilateral meeting.

Anthony Blinken

Taking the upcoming visit of the Prime Minister forward, the US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on the sidelines of the just concluded G7 leaders Summit. "I had a great discussion with Jaishankar on the sidelines of G7 in Hiroshima. We look forward to hosting Mr Modi in June. PM Modi's visit will celebrate the deep partnership between the US and India," said Blinken.

Jaishankar said it was good to meet Secretary Blinken and he was looking forward to meeting him again in June during the Prime Minister's visit.

The PM will reach the US on June 21, which also happens to be the International Yoga day. In New York, he is likely to perform yoga along with participation from UN and emphasise on yoga as a unifier in the world. A day later on June 22, the Prime Minister will head to Washington DC for a state visit and attend a dinner hosted by President Biden.

The PM is also expected to go to Chicago where he will meet the Indian diaspora. "You have made a fundamental shift in climate issues, you have influence in Indo-Pacific, and you are making a difference," US President Biden told PM Modi on the sidelines of meetings in Hiroshima.

PM Modi and President Biden, despite having differing views on the conflict in Ukraine, have continued their association with civility.

Meanwhile, trade between the two nations is a major unifier. The US has emerged as India's biggest trading partner in 2022-23 on account of increasing economic ties between the two countries.

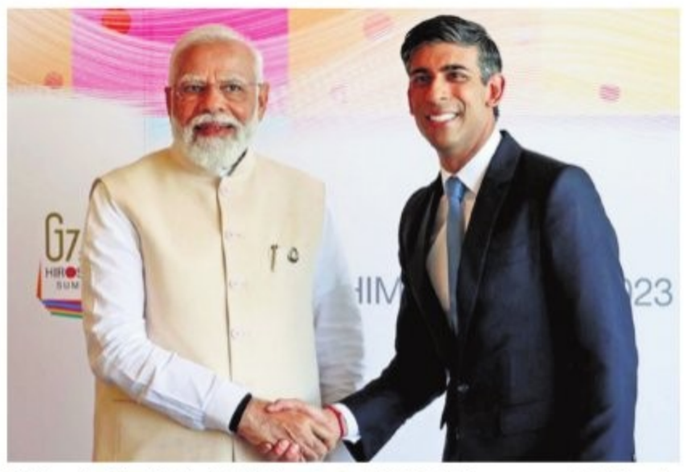
According to the provisional data of the Commerce Ministry, the bilateral trade between India and the US has increased by 7.65 per cent.

PM asks why UN fails to prevent conflicts, highlights need for reform

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi in his address in a session on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Hiroshima raised the question of why the United Nations (UN) has not been able to establish peace.

"The United Nations was established with the very purpose of establishing peace. Why does it often fail to prevent conflicts today? Why, even the definition of terrorism has not been accepted in the UN yet? If introspection is done, then one thing is clear. The institutions created in the last century are not in line with the system of the twenty-first century. They do not reflect the realities of the present. That is why it is necessary that reforms should be given concrete shape in big institutions like UN .It will also have to become the voice of the Global South. Otherwise we will just keep talking about ending conflict. UN and Security Council will become just a talk shop," said the PM.


PM Narendra Modi held a 'fruitful meeting' with his British counterpart Rishi Sunak on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Hiroshima The two leaders agreed to deepen bilateral cooperation on a wide range of issues, including trade and investment | PTI

He also spoke about his interaction with Ukrainian President Volodomyr Zelenskyy. "I do not consider the current situation as an issue of politics or economy. I believe that this is a matter of humanity, a matter of human values. From the very beginning, we have maintained that dialogue and diplomacy is the only way. And we will make every possible effort to contribute, in whatever way India can, for resolving this situation," he said.

Global peace, stability and prosperity is the world's common objective.

POWER GAMES

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Winning Strategy

NAVEEN MAY GO FOR EARLY STATE POLLS IN ODISHA

Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik is likely to dissolve the state assembly and seek a fresh mandate along with five other states scheduled for fresh elections in November this year. The term of the current assembly expires next May and elections are to be held along with the Lok Sabha polls. Sources said that Patnaik is keen on decoupling the two elections. He plans to dissolve the state assembly well in time for the elections to be held in December along with five other states namely Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Telangana and Mizoram. According to sources, Patnaik feels that simultaneous elections for the assembly and Lok Sabha might prove disadvantageous for his party. He feels the MLAs get engaged in their electioneering and find little time to mobilise voters for the party's Lok Sabha candidates. In the last assembly elections, Patnaik's party, Biju Janata Dal (BJD) won a landslide by bagging 112 out of the total 147 seats, while the main opposition party, BJP, could win only 23 seats. Congress came a distant third with nine seats. But in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, which were held along with the assembly elections, the BJD could win only 13 out of 21 seats, while the BJP took away eight. Patnaik feels the focus of the party apparatus on winning state elections has hurt the chances in Lok Sabha polls. The BJD chief is not only keen on retaining power in the state but also plans to increase his tally in the Lok Sabha elections in 2024.

Media Outreach

PM TO RESTART OFF-RECORD MEETINGS WITH SCRIBES

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to start meeting editors and bureau chiefs of media platforms in the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections. Sources said the Prime Minister's Office as well as the media department at the BJP's central headquarters are busy preparing a list of invitees for these interactions. The Prime Minister will meet the journalists in batches of eight to ten to discuss governance and politics. Sources said that, unlike similar interactions in his first term where he mostly answered questions, the Prime Minister plans to make this round more interactive. The Chatham House rule is followed in these interactions which allows the attendees to use the information received at the meetings without identifying who said what. Journalists who attended the previous round of interaction spoke about the Prime Minister's frank and detailed answers to all questions. They said the interactions helped them understand the Prime Minister's views on crucial issues. The discussions were freewheeling, with no bar on asking any questions. Sources said this time around the Prime Minister will also be asking questions. He would like to know about the effectiveness of his government's schemes and gaps in policy-making, if any, sources said. The interactions are likely to start next month and the journalists in the national capital have quite a repository of questions for the Prime Minister.

Delegates arrive in Srinagar for G20 meeting on tourism

YESHI SELI @ Srinagar

NEARLY a year-and-a-half of work and many meetings have made it possible for Srinagar to host a G20 meeting, which happens to be the biggest international event ever to be held in Kashmir. With over 60 delegates from 17 countries, this is the best participation in a tourism meet held under India's G20 presidency.

Eco-tourism and film tourism will be the two main dominant themes of the 20 meeting. Representatives of Dharma Produtions, Netflix and actors are expected to attend the event. "There has been step-by-step improvement in the way things have shaped out for this G20 meeting. A few times that I have been here I have noticed a lot has improved, roads have been spruced up and Srinagar is on its way to becoming a smart city," said G20 chief coordinator Harsh Vardhan Shringla, during a curtain raiser event held in the Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) which is located on the banks of the picturesque Dal Lake.

Film tourism main theme

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Meanwhile, India has distanced itself from comments made by China on why Beijing didn't want to attend the G20 event in Kashmir.

New Delhi has focused its attention on the large numbers of delegates that have arrived at Srinagar. In fact, a planned excursion to Gulmurg for the delegates was called off because handling so many was becoming a challenge.

"Singapore has the largest delegation and there are participants from the US, UK, Russia and most G7 nations, besides guest countries like Bangladesh. For us what matters is the outreach and the numbers are unprecedented," said tourism secretary Arvind Singh in Srinagar.

The tourism sector is booming in the valley and the government is making projections of receiving 2 crore tourists during the current ongoing season and there seems to be a resurgence of foreign tourists back in the Valley.

Security has been beefed up, and advisories have been issued for residents to avoid using the boulevard road (which runs through where most delegates are staying and also the SKICC. Some schools and shopping areas too have been shut for the next three days.

Danish technology helps India produce fuel from stubble, says envoy

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

UNDER the India-Denmark Green Strategic Partnership, India has benefitted from Danish technology which is sustainable, green and renewable. One project which is gaining ground and doing well is the use of agri waste as fuel to generate power. This agri-waste includes stubble that is burnt and chokes Delhi and its National Capital Region (NCR) every winter.

"There is a company in Punjab (SAEL) which has set up small power plants (in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan) that is using agri-waste to generate power. This includes stubble that is burnt every winter around Delhi. We have supported the company with our technology where the plant boiler is designed by us. The boiler is used for incineration of paddy waste, straw and through that waste generates electricity which is sent to the grid," says Ambassador of the Royal Danish Embassy, Freddy Svane.

Farmers are being incentivised to sell their waste (including stubble) for Rs 5,000 per acre. Besides, this would generate employment too. Sael (Sukhbir Agro Energy Limited) has its roots in rice milling, power plants, solvent oil and warehouse. The power plant projects have generated employment for nearly 1500 people by setting up these power plants which have a generating capacity of 15 to 16 mw. Besides, they reduce air pollution as they are environment friendly.

"When I was a young child in Denmark, we too had a problem of stubble burning and people were choked. And then we found a solution to the problem, which we are now sharing with India," Ambassador Svane said, adding that they were sharing tech that is proven.

'Baby food brand ads on social media violate law'

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

SEVERAL baby food brands are violating laws by using social media to advertise products like infant milk substitutes, according to the latest report released by the Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India (BPNI).

The report, which flags 15 top brands, was released on May 21, also World Breastfeeding Day. BPNI, which has been mandated by the government as a child welfare non-profit to flag such violations, said a new trend has emerged in promoting these products using social media, and unsuspecting influencers are becoming partners in crime. Moreover, some of these products are being promoted by celebrities like Bollywood actors Anushka Sharma and Mira Rajput Kapoor, wife of Shahid Kapoor.

"New tactics of involving celebrities, social media influencers, mothers and mother bloggers on Instagram and YouTube is certainly catching on," said the report adding that knowingly or unknowingly, they are also infringing the law and are liable to be penalised.

There is no system to monitor and investigate such violations, which have remained unchecked. The law prohibits any kind of "promotion" of food products or feeding bottles, including advertising, incentives or directly reaching out to moms, for children under the age of 24 months.

WHAT THE REPORT SAYS

Legal position

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Breastfeeding Promotion Network

"Social media is the new-generation promotion playground; therefore, it must be monitored and notified diligently. Digital technologies used for marketing breast milk substitutes are proven to be contributing to increasing sales and consumption of baby formula across the world. Our findings confirm World Health Organisation's observations," said the report titled "Indian Law Baby Food Offenders."

The Indian government enacted the Infant Milk Substitutes Feeding Bottles, and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act 1992, and Amendment Act 2003 (IMS Act) in order to control the marketing of the baby foods as a follow-up to the International Code of Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes and subsequent World Health Assembly resolutions.

Speaking to this paper, Arun Gupta, one of the four founder paediatricians of BPNI said, undermining breastfeeding and complementary feeding through commercial influence also violates child's right to life and health and mother's right to breastfeed. Non-stop promotion continues even after 32 years of the established law.

He said they have flagged these 15 violations of the IMS Act by major companies and the platforms used by them with the union health ministry. BPNI has also written a letter to Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), chief Priyank Kanoongo flagging the violations.

Railways likely to miss August 15 deadline for 75 Vande Bharat trains

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

IT seems unlikely that the Railways will be able to run 75 Vande Bharat trains by August 15 this year on different routes in the country. With only 3 months left now to meet the deadline, the Railways has been able to run only 17 Vande Bharat trains. According to experts, the Railways will have to expedite manufacturing and roll out at least three-four Vande Bharat trains every week to achieve the target of running 75 Vande Bharat trains by August 15.

According to a senior railway official, "It seems a bit difficult to run 75 Vande Bharat trains by August 15. To meet the target, the Railway will have to make sure rolling out at least 3-4 rakes of Vande Bharat trains every week. And the Railway is working on it."

When asked whether the Railways will be able to run 75 Vande Bharat trains by August 15, Sudhanshu Mani, who is said to be the creator of train-18 and former GM of Integrated Coach Factory Chennai, said, "I do not think so. In my view, good progress is already being made and it does not matter whether we make 75 or 25 by August 15. The spirit of proliferation has been well-adopted after a period of negativity for three years."

According to source in the Railway ministry, the pave on which the Vande Bharat trains are rolled out form the manufacturing units, including ICF, is not enough to meet the target of running 75 Vande Bharat trains by August 15 this year.

He said that it would be good even if the Railway succeeds running 30 Vande Bharat trains by August 15. " In the current scenario of track upgradation, work is not keeping pace with manufacturing of trains and extra pressure to make more trains unnecessarily presents the risk of quality going down as has been reported in some recent trains," Sudhanshu Mani told this newspaper.

He said that measures like running eight-coach Vande Bharat trains are self-defeating as a valuable path in a section is wasted for an inadequately small train.

Union railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on a tour to Odisha to attend the flag off event of 17th Vande Bharat Express train from Puri to Howrah told the media that PM Narendra Modi has set a target that Vande Bharat should reach all states by June. In the, Budget, 2022, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that the government would manufacture 400 more Vande Bharat trains over next three years.

Story of semi-high speed trains

Feb 2019
The first Vande Bharat train was flagged off between New Delhi and Varanasi by Prime Minister Narendra Modi

120 districts are covered by Vande Bharat routes

100kmph just in **54.6** seconds is acceleration power of Vande Bharat

New Delhi-Varanasi, Gandhinagar-Mumbai , Chennai-Mysore, Nagpur-Bilaspur, Howrah-Jalpaiguri, Secunderabad-Vishakhapatnam are some of the prominent Vande Bharat routes.

OIL TANKER OVERTURNS

An oil tanker overturned on Mumbai-Ahmedabad highway in Maharashtra's Palghar district and the oil spilled from it on the road, affecting traffic movement on the busy route for about two hours, officals said.

24 HURT AS BUS OVERTURNS IN J&K'S REASI

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

Cong ignored OBCs, says Shah

Addressing Modi community in Gujarat, he says only PM Modi has worked for their welfare

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday charged that the Congress "oppressed and degraded" the Other Backward Classes when it was in power at the Centre and asserted that it was the BJP that gave the first OBC prime minister to the country Narendra Modi.

Shah was speaking at the national convention of the Modi community on Sunday in Ahmedabad.

Addressing a gathering at the Modi Samaj national convention in Ahmedabad, Shah said, "Congress has always neglected the OBC community. It is the BJP that is working for them. Congress ruled the country for 56 years but did not develop them (OBC community), but PM Modi has worked for them in the last nine years. The PM comes from a poor family so he understands the pain of the poor."

"In the BJP administration, the OBC community has been respected. The party gave the constitutional status to the OBC commission and for the first time, 27 ministers from the OBC community were represented in the Union cabinet," Shah added.

He referred to Rahul Gandhi's 2019 criminal defamation conviction for his 'Modi surname' remark.

"If someone insults a person, it is not a big deal, but if someone insults an entire community and the country's PM, then it is an insult to the entire country. Purneshbhai fought this battle and won it. I congratulate him and others for fighting a battle for the dignity of your community," said Shah.

Talking about PM Modi's work, Shah said: "As a young worker, Modi strengthened the organization by traveling from villages. It was on this basis that he became the CM. He is now the Prime Minister of the country and is aiming to raise the country's pride throughout the world."

He told the audience that for the first time, a person from a poor family has become the Prime Minister.

He listed the welfare works done under the PM's stewardship.

"Modi provided free gas cylinders to about 13 crore people, toilets to 10 crore people, housing to 3 crore people, and health care facilities for the people. Besides, for 2.5 years, the PM has arranged 5kg food grain delivery to 80 crore people," said Shah.

He said the country should be proud that the Prime Minister belongs to the Modi community.

"It is a matter of great happiness and pride for every Indian as even US President Joe Biden asked Modiji for his autograph, saying he is very popular in the US," Shah said.

The Home Minister offered prayers at the Parmeshwar temple and flagged off 320 new buses of Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation (GSRTC). He also inaugurated Amul's state-of-the-art biological testing laboratory in Ahmedabad.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah being felicitated by members of the Modi community at a function in Ahmedabad on Sunday | PTI

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> Amit Shah, Home Minister

Punjab recasts SIT probing drug case against Majithia

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the drug case involving senior Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader and former Punjab minister **Bikram Singh Majithia** has been reconstituted.

Majithia is the brother-in-law of SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal. In another development, the Punjab government has also shifted the investigation into the Pearl Group chit fund fraud case to the state vigilance bureau.

In the reconstituted SIT, MS Chhina, IGP (Patiala Range) will head the SIT in place of Rahul S, DIG Vigilance Bureau. The other members of the SIT will remain unchanged. Rahul S was reportedly facing flak for not submitting challans in the drugs cases.

Sources said since Rahul was posted in the Vigilance Bureau and was supervising a large number of corruption cases, his shifting was imminent. Besides, SIT needed an officer who is posted in the field to head it so that the investigation was more focused.

In December 2021, Majithia was booked under the NDPS Act for helping drug smugglers and remained in jail for a few months before being released on bail. However, the police investigation after the registration of the case did not make much progress.

Majithia has earlier claimed that he was innocent, saying the police had nothing against him, a reason why it could not submit the challan in the case. He also demanded cancellation of the case.

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Rare fish species found in Dal Lake

A rare fish species — 'Alligator Gar' fish — has been found in Dal Lake in Srinagar. The 'Alligator Gar fish' was found by J&K Kashmir Lake Conservation and Management Authority (JKLCMA) personnel during the cleaning of Dal Lake. It is for the first time that the fish, which has a crocodile-like head and razor-sharp teeth, has been found in Dal Lake. The videos of the rare fish, which is found in North America, went viral on social media. Authorities would be conducting studies to ascertain if there is presence of more exotic fish species in Dal Lake.

Smart cycling to be encouraged in Srinagar

In order to tackle overcrowding, reduce traffic mess and promote eco-friendly transport in the city, a smart cycling initiative (public bicycle sharing system) with the slogan "Burn Fat Not Fuel" would be launched by Ahmedabad-based company—'Chartered Bike' in Srinagar by the end of this month as part of a smart city project in Srinagar. The initiative, which is part of the smart city project, will cover the entire Srinagar city. According to Mehran Khan, Division Head for Chartered Bikes, Srinagar will have 100 cycling points.

Teachers warned on corporal punishment

To curb corporal punishment to students, the authorities have decided to rein in teachers by warning them that they may face stern disciplinary action including incarceration if found indulging in corporal punishment. The Chief Education Officer (CEO) Anantnag in a stern warning to teachers informed them that corporal punishment is banned in all educational institutions as enshrined in Right to Education Act 2009. The teachers have been asked to desist from corporal punishment to students and take other measures to discipline the students.

Days after ethnic violence in Manipur, CM allays fears of Kuki community

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

IN the backdrop of the ethnic violence in Manipur, Chief Minister **N Biren Singh** on Sunday said there was no fight between communities and there should not be any. Talking to journalists on the sidelines of an event in Imphal, he appealed to people to work towards restoring normalcy in the state.

"Past is past. Our mission now is to restore normalcy. There was no fight between communities and there should not be any. It (fight) is purely with the government. When any government anywhere tries to do something, there will always be acceptance or resistance," Singh said.

He did not elaborate, however, the violence is believed to have its genesis in the drives against alleged encroachment of forest land and poppy cultivation in the hills. "Blame the government (if there is anything). We will rectify. Please don't make it an issue between communities," the CM said.

Recently, all 10 Kuki legislators, including seven from the ruling BJP, had flagged the "separate administration" demand for the community.

Asked if the government will reach out to them, Singh said, "The Kuki MLAs are a part of our family. Manipur is unique. It is a small state but it has 34-35 recognised tribes, including Kukis. We are all brothers and sisters."

Meanwhile, the state decided to distribute pens, pencils, notebooks, uniforms and sports material to 4,747 school children displaced by the violence. They are among 26,000 people who are still lodged in 178 temporary relief camps. The state's education minister Th Basantakumar Singh said the government would ask teachers to volunteer for the children.

BIHAR

Suspect held for 2013 serial blasts at Modi rally

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

MEHRE Alam, an accused in the serial bomb explosions during then Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi's rally in Patna on October 27, 2013, was arrested from Darbhanga district, police said on Sunday.

Acting on a tip off, an STF team conducted a raid at Singhauli village under jurisdiction of Ashok Paper Mill police station in Darbhanga and took Alam into custody late on Saturday. He was evading arrest ever since he had escaped from custody of the NIA on October 29, 2013, two days after the bomb explosion incident.

Station house officer (SHO) of AP Mill police station Shiv Kumar Yadav confirmed the arrest of Mehre from Singhauli village. "We cooperated with the visiting police team, which left with Mehre for its destination after completing legal formalities at the police station," he said.

Police sources say that Mehre was a close associate of Monu, a resident of Samastipur, who was convicted in the blast case along with eight others by an NIA court in Patna.

In poll year, Chouhan launches free pilgrimage by air for elderly people

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

BJP-ruled MP, became the first state in the country on Sunday, to start free pilgrimage service by air for financially weak elderlies.

And seeing off the 32 elderly pilgrims, including 24 male and eight female (all from Bhopal) at the Bhopal Airport on the inaugural free pilgrimage flight destined for Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh) was the MP chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan himself. After the pilgrimage at Prayagraj, the pilgrims will return to Bhopal by Monday evening.

Emotional scenes of the elderly men and women blessing the MP CM, while chanting religious slogan Har Har Gange and many of them equating Chouhan with Shrawan Kumar (mythological character of Ramayana who carried elderly parents on pilgrimage on his shoulders) were witnessed at the airport, before the regular Indigo flight took off with the pilgrims under the CM Teerth Darshan Yojana.

"Pilgrimage by air has been started with the aim that our elders can attain spiritual peace by going on pilgrimage in less time conveniently. At present, one member from a family can go on pilgrimage by plane under the Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana. From the next visit, arrangements will be made for more than one member from a family to go on pilgrimage, so that elders will be able to get the virtue of pilgrimage along with their spouse," the CM said.

"PM Modi has said that our government has made such arrangements that even those wearing slippers will be able to travel by air. This is an attempt to make the PM's vision come true," Chouhan said.

CM Chouhan welcomes an elderly pilgrim

MP SAVAGERY

Youth caught on camera torturing peacock booked

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

IN a shocking incident, a young man has been caught on camera, subjecting the national bird peacock to extreme cruelty in Madhya Pradesh's Katni district. In the videos, the young man, identified as Atul, is mercilessly plucking the feathers of the peacock, while a young girl, who is seated next to him, is seen smiling.

Confirming the incident, the DFO-Katni district Gaurav Sharma said, "The matter came to our knowledge on Friday, when the visuals were sent to us by a Gujarat-based NGO. Based on the registration number of the motorbike seen in the videos and further probe by our staff, the concerned youth has been found to be a resident of Katni district's Rithi area."

"Both, the forest department and the district police are working on the matter and the incident has been registered under The Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. Raids have been conducted in his search in the Rithi area, but he hasn't been seen there since the last 10-15 days," Sharma said.

Tragedy in Corbett: Tigress died of starvation, finds post-mortem report

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

A tigress, which was found unconscious in the Pakhro range of Corbett National Park, died of starvation, according to the post-mortem report, which came late on Saturday night.

Dr Samir Sinha, Uttarakhand Chief Wildlife Warden told this newspaper, "A tigress was found in an unconscious state in the Pakhro range of Corbett. Considering her condition, she was rescued because she was very old and weak. But she could not be saved and died on the way to the rescue centre." The tigress was later buried.

Neeraj Sharma, Kalagarh Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) said, "Due to old age, the tigress could not walk much in search of prey and fainted due to hunger. She was first given first aid on the spot, but the tigress died on the way to Dhela Rescue Centre."

This is the fourth case of tiger death in recent times. Earlier, a tiger was shot dead by a forest guard.

Two others were found dead under suspicious circumstances. Even for these deaths, the forest department has not yet made the investigation public. It is also learnt that due to the felling of trees and construction of structures in Pakhro, all wildlife including Cheetal (spotted deer), population has dwindled, leading to a shortage of prey for tigers.

According to sources in the forest department, "There was a plan to form a special Corbett Tiger Protection Force about ten years ago for their conservation.

It is said that the expenditure on this force was also to be borne by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA). A lot of paperwork was done for the force but the plan has not been implemented yet.

File picture of one of the tigers that was found dead recently | EXPRESS

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Issues raised by Pilot will be addressed soon, says Randhawa

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

EVEN as the Ashok Gehlot-Sachin Pilot war sharpens every week, Congress state in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa has indicated that a decision on the issues raised by Pilot may be pending but will soon be addressed. However, in an indirect message to the Pilot camp, Randhawa reminded them of how leaders in the past had fared after leaving the party.

Replying to media queries on the future of Pilot in the party, Randhawa said, "Our party never wants to expel anyone. Congress is such a party that never wants to leave those who have been with it for a long time. But you all know the condition of the ones who left the Congress," he said.

Asserting that there is no permanent enemy in politics, Randhawa made it clear that the CM will soon answer to Pilot's ultimatum. Pilot has been questioned for not demanding action against Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in the Sanjivani scam.

12-year-old Chhattisgarh girl clears class X exams with flying colours

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

NARGIS Khan, a 12-year-old Class 7 student appeared for Class 10 Board exam and passed with 90.5 per cent marks. Daughter of a small farmer and resident of Ghumka village in Balod district, Nargis is an exceptional student and has been a topper in her class.

A student of the Chhattisgarh government Atmanand Englishmedium school, Nargis has excellent mathematical skills, strong command over English language, said her father Firoz Khan.

Khan had, last year visited several offices, including of the Governor, chief minister and the district collector seeking approval to allow her to appear for Class 10 exams this year. Impressed with her confidence and potential, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had asked the Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education (CGBSE) to take an expedient decision for Nargis' education prospects.

The CGBSE allowed her to appear in the Class 10 board exam on the basis of her outstanding academic performance, medical reports and high intelligence quotient (IQ) level test score, which was conducted by the district government hospital and the clinical psychology department of composite regional centre of social justice and empowerment ministry, said Prof V K Goyal, secretary CGBSE.

A student needs to be of 15 years age to appear in class 10 board exams, according to the rule. Nargis is the first student in Chhattisgarh to pass Class 10 board exam at her age and achieve a remarkable feat.

Although. Nargis is not satisfied with the result and has applied for a re-evaluation.

"Till class 6, she always topped securing 99 per cent. With her zeal and high diligence towards study, we even had to sometimes ask her to take a break", her father told this newspaper.

Along with Class 10, she also appeared for Class 7 exam this year and secured 91 per cent marks. "My dream is to clear UPSC exam and serve the country", she said. The CM appreciating her extraordinary talent and accomplishment assured her of facilitating free coaching for the competitive exams in the future.

Nargis Khan, a student of Class VII with Chhattisgarh CM Bhupendra Baghel | EXPRESS

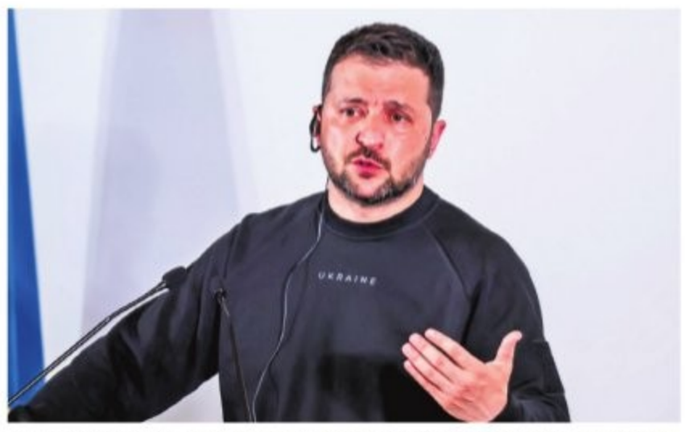
THREE

were killed and two others wounded in a shooting at a Kansas City bar early Sunday, police said

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	28	11	TDS	Los Angeles	26	12	LC
Colombo	32	24	LC	Melbourne	14	11	HR
Dhaka	38	26	TDS	Moscow	14	4	HR
Dubai	31	22	SNY	New York	18	9	LC
Houston	23	15	SNY	Singapore	31	26	TDS
Istanbul	10	8	LC	Toronto	14	7	LC
London	14	6	LC	Washington	19	7	LC



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy speaks during a news conference following the G7 Leaders' Summit in Hiroshima, Japan on Sunday | AFP

Ukraine denies Bakhmut held by Russian forces

However, Wagner group insists on taking control of the city to the last centimetre

KYIV

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Sunday that Bakhmut was "not occupied" by Moscow, while the head of Russia's Wagner mercenary group insisted his fighters had taken control of the eastern city "to the last centimetre."

Kyiv's military said it was hanging on to a small part of the city and said its troops were advancing on its flanks.

A day earlier, Wagner and Moscow's regular army claimed to have fully captured Bakhmut, with Russian President Vladimir Putin congratulating them on the alleged conquest.

But speaking at the G7 summit in Hiroshima, Zelenskyy denied Russia's claims. "Bakhmut is not occupied by Russia today," he said. "I cannot share with you the tactical views of our military. The most difficult thing would be if there was some tactical mistake in Bakhmut and our people were surrounded."

Sitting next to US President Joe Biden, Zelenskyy suggested it would be a pyrrhic victory for Moscow. "You have to understand there is nothing" in Bakhmut, he said on the sidelines of the summit in Japan.

Zelenskyy compared the "absolute total destruction" in Bakhmut to the devastation in Hiroshima when the US dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city in 1945. "There is absolutely nothing alive (there)."

The Ukrainian army on Sunday said it retained an "insignificant" part of the city and that soldiers were advancing in from the city's outer limits.

"We continue to advance on the flanks in the suburbs of Bakhmut," said Oleksandr Syrsky, the commander of Ukraine's ground forces.

But Yevgeny Prigozhin, the chief of Wagner whose fighters have spearheaded Russia's advance on Bakhmut, insisted that there were no Ukrainian troops there.

"There is not a single Ukrainian soldier in Bakhmut as we have stopped taking prisoners," Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin said in a post on Telegram. "There are a huge number of corpses of Ukrainian soldiers."

Prigozhin said Zelenskyy was either not telling the truth or "like many of our own military leaders, simply does not know what is happening on the ground."

Trial process against May 9 strikers under military laws: Pak Army chief

ISLAMABAD

BRUSHING aside the concerns of human rights groups, Pakistan Army chief General Asim Munir has said that authorities have initiated a 'legal process of trial' under stringent military laws against those involved in recent attacks on military installations following the arrest of former PM Imran Khan.

Gen Munir made the disclosure on Saturday during his visit to Lahore.

According to a late-night statement by the Army, Gen Munir chief addressed the garrison officers and soldiers at the Corps Headquarters.

He said that the "legal process of trial against planners, instigators, abettors and perpetrators involved in the May 9 tragedy has commenced under the Pakistan Army Act and the Official Secret Act as per existing and established legal procedures derived from the Constitution of Pakistan."

Asim Munir visits Jinnah House

On Sunday, General Munir also visited Jinnah House and other army installations attacked and vandalised by politically motivated rioters. He was also briefed on the events of May 9.

On May 9, violent protests erupted after the arrest of Khan by paramilitary Rangers from the premises of the Islamabad High Court.

His party workers vandalised a dozen military installations, including the Jinnah House (Lahore Corps Commander house), Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad. The Army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi was also attacked by the mob for the first time.

Police put the death toll in violent clashes to 10 while Khan's party claims 40 of its workers lost their lives.

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said on Sunday that no new military courts were being established for trial of attackers on military installations.

Asif said that such courts had been functional for the last 75 years. "No new military courts are being established. Law is already present at this time. Courts are present and they have been working for the past 75 years," he said.

He also rejected the impression that the government was trying to snatch away the basic rights of people and said that cases would be pursued against individuals whose "footage, faces and identity is present that they are attacking military installations." *PTI*

Rescuers attend an injured man lying on the pitch following a stampede during a football match between Alianza and FAS at Cuscatlan stadium in San Salvador | AFP

OVER 500 INJURED, UNDER TREATMENT

Carlos Fuentes, spokesman for the emergency services group Comandos de Salvamento, said they were treating more than 500 people. About 100 people in serious condition were taken to hospital.

El Salvador soccer stadium stampede kills 12 people

SAN SALVADOR

TWELVE people were killed and hundreds injured on Saturday in a stampede at an El Salvador soccer stadium, police and emergency services said.

Authorities said initial reports pointed to a crush of fans who tried to enter Cuscatlan Stadium in the Central American country's capital San Salvador to watch a local tournament match between teams Alianza and FAS.

The match was suspended as emergency personnel evacuated people from the stadium, where hundreds of police officers and soldiers gathered as ambulance sirens wailed.

"Salvadoran soccer is in mourning," National Civil Police (PNC) director Mauricio Arriaza told reporters as he confirmed the death toll of 12.

In a statement on Sunday, FIFA president Gianni Infantino offered his condolences to the families and friends of the victims, calling the stampede "tragic."

Among the survivors, Sandra Guzman, 40, left a capital hospital early Sunday with a bandage on her left knee, walking with difficulty alongside her friend, Javier Ramirez, 31.

Health Minister Francisco Alabi said earlier that the country's hospital network was "providing medical care to all patients."

The stampede apparently started after a stadium gate fell, causing people to crowd together, he said.

At least two of the injured were in critical condition, according to police.

El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele said the PNC and the Attorney General's Office would investigate the incident and those responsible would be punished.

"Everyone will be investigated: teams, managers, stadium, box office, league, federation," Bukele said on Twitter.

He warned that "whoever the culprits are, they will not go unpunished." *AFP*

Israel's National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir (L) walking through Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa mosque | AFP

Israeli minister visits sensitive religious site

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir visited the flashpoint Al-Aqsa mosque compound on Sunday, a controversial move by the extreme-right politician amid heightened tensions in annexed east Jerusalem.

The move came three days after Ben-Gvir and tens of thousands of Jewish nationalists marched through the Old City and just over a week into a fragile Gaza ceasefire. "Jerusalem is our soul," Ben-Gvir wrote on Telegram, alongside a photo of himself at the site in the heart of the Old City. "The threats of Hamas will not deter us, I went up to the Temple Mount!" he wrote, using the Jewish name for the site.

Hamas, the militant group that rules the blockaded Gaza Strip, slammed Ben-Gvir's action on Sunday. Israel will "bear responsibility for the barbaric incursions of its ministers and herds of settlers," the group wrote on Telegram.

The move "confirms the depths of danger looming over Al-Aqsa, under this Zionist fascist government and arrogance of its ministers from the extreme right," said Hamas. *AFP*

Estonia, Latvia plan joint purchase of German defence systems

Estonia and Latvia plan jointly to acquire German air defence systems for the protection of the two NATO nations' airspace in what would be the biggest defence cooperation deal between the Baltic neighbours

Delivery of IRIS-T SLM

Deliveries of the medium-range IRIS-T SLM air defence system—manufactured by weapons maker Diehl Defence of Germany—could begin next year and the systems could be operational in 2025

The value of the deal and detailed information about the numbers of the system weren't disclosed as talks with the supplier are still ongoing, defence ministries of the two countries said

USE AGAINST RUSSIA

IRIS-T has been used against Russian targets by Ukraine

GERMAN AIR DEFENCE SYSTEM

1. The German air defence system, consisting of truck-mounted launchers, missiles and a separate command vehicle, is designed to protect cities, armies and civilian population from air attacks, and being effective at neutralising planes and helicopters
2. The system can be used for protection from a host of other threats, such as unmanned aerial vehicles, cruise missiles and loitering munitions

A JOINT PROJECT

Estonian Defence Minister Hanno Pevkur described the deal as "a joint project of historical proportions for our defence cooperation, the largest one to date" between Tallinn and Riga

Presuming that negotiations are successful, we (Estonia and Latvia) hope to reach contract and, subsequently, announce the official winning bidder this summer - Hanno Pevkur

Our...medium-range air defence system will secure the skies of Latvia and Estonia and will provide the maximum protection for our people... - Inara Murniece, Latvian Defence Minister

GOP DEBT CEILING DEMANDS UNACCEPTABLE, SAYS JOE BIDEN

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden on Sunday dismissed Republican demands in negotiations to resolve US debt ceiling crisis but said a solution can be found.

Speaking at a press conference, Biden said Republicans' latest demands for spending cuts as a condition for raising the US government borrowing authority were "frankly unacceptable." "It's time for the other side to move from their extreme positions," he said. Biden said he would talk directly with Republican House Speaker Kevin McCarthy during his Air Force One flight on Sunday and said "we can reach an agreement." However, he cautioned that he could not "guarantee that they wouldn't force a default by doing something outrageous." Biden said that he was looking into an obscure constitutional clause in the 14th Amendment, which states that the validity of public debt "shall not be questioned"—and potentially authorising the president to circumvent Congress and raise the debt ceiling himself.

"I think we have the authority. The question is could it be done and invoked in time," he said, noting the likelihood of legal challenges to this and the rapidly approaching debt deadline.

The Treasury Department says that the government could run out of money and default on its $31 trillion debt as early as June 1 if Congress, where Republicans control the House of Representatives, does not authorise more borrowing.

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This is to inform the public at large, that FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD., has decided to conduct Auction of Gold ornaments belonging to accounts (mentioned below) which have become overdue or which have defaults or margin breach of customers. The Auction would be held at respective Branches specified below on **Thursday 01-06-2023 between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** This would continue till the auction process is over.

Anekal 080-27830505 **FEDGL0088**0003293, 0003295, 0003296, 0003298, 0003832, 0004187, 0004516, 0004150, 0004007, 0004588, 0004197, 0003624, 0004566, 0004619, 0004176, 0003981, 0004065, 0004128, 0004225, 0004252, 0004567, 0004618 **Arakalgud** 08175-220780 **FEDGL0036**0008652, 0008660, 0008661, 0008668, 0008670, 0008674, 0008675, 0008678, 0008688, 0008694, 0008713, 0008719, 0008720, 0010158 **Arasikere** 08174-299941 **FEDGL0414**0001047, 0001061, 0001064, 0001068, 0001083, 0001089, 0001588, 0002591, 0002315 **B H Road** 8162277793 **FEDGL0103**0007438, 0007448, 0007463, 0007504, 0007525, 0007529, 0007546, 0008423, 0010741, 0010593 **BASAVESHWARA NAGAR** 080 41900282 **FEDGL0011**0009301, 0009302, 0009355, 0010251, 0010690, 0010771 **BELGAUM** 0831 4201487 **FEDGL0136**0003760, 0003766, 0003772, 0003788, 0003794, 0004192 **BELUR** 08177 222100 **FEDGL0159**0007859, 0007861, 0007864, 0007870, 0007876, 0007881, 0007895, 0007897, 0008446 **BOMMANAHALLI** 080 41500417 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Change in Venue or Date, if any will be displayed on our Website www.fedfina.com. All bidders participating will be intimated subsequently with respect to acceptance or rejection of bids submitted by them. Customer who want to release their ornaments shall visit at the base branch wherein the ornaments were pledged by the customer or contact at the number mentioned above on/or before 31-05-2023 subject to the terms and condition applicable.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches, in case the auction does not get completed on the given date due to any reasons, the auction in respect thereto shall be conducted on subsequent working days at district level branch after displaying the details on our Website. No further communication shall be issued in this regard.

Dated : 22-05-2023 **Place : Karnataka**

For, sd/- Authorised Signatory Fedbank Financial Services Ltd.,

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**, by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset**, whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	**1) Mr. Anil Kumar L** Proprietor of **M/s. Sri Krishna Steel Furniture, 2) Mrs. Anithamma A, 3) Jayaram L**	**Loan Account No. 46988950001279 & 46989670000088 Rs.6,00,000/- & Rs.1,14,590/-**	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.57/2/2, Municipal Katha No.86, Measuring East to West: 30 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet. (30x30) in total 900 Sq.feet. Situating at Muthsandra Village, Ward No.4, Doddaballapura Nagara, Bangaluru Rural District and **Bounded by: East by:** Road, **West by:** Property Belongs to Mr. Gurubasappa, **North by:** House Belongs to Mr. Ramakrishnappa & **South by:** House Belongs to Mr. Muttappa.	**Date of NPA: 04-05-2023 Demand Notice Date: 18-05-2023**	**LAN: 46988950001279** for an amount of **Rs.5,47,203.34** (Rupees Five Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Three and Thirty Four Paisa Only) **& in the LAN: 46989670000088 for an amount of Rs.93,986.00** (Rupees Ninety Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Six Only) **as on 14-05-2023**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 22.05.2023, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

₹30,945 cr have been invested in Indian equities in May till now by foreign investors, driven by strong macroeconomic fundamentals.

No need to submit forms, Aadhaar to exchange ₹2000 notes

Country's largest lender SBI has said that the facility of exchange of ₹2,000 notes by public will be allowed without obtaining any requisition slip

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CLEARING the doubts and rumours surrounding ₹2,000 notes, banks have clarified that customers would neither have to fill out any forms nor provide identity proof such as Aadhaar card to exchange or deposit these notes, which are set to become a thing of the past.

Country's largest bank State Bank of India (SBI) has asked its officials not to ask for any form or slip to exchange these notes. In an internal circular to chief general manager of all its local head offices, SBI has said that the facility of exchange of ₹2,000 notes by public will be allowed without obtaining any requisition slip.

"It has been decided that the facility of exchange of ₹2000 denomination Bank Notes to all members of the public up to a limit of ₹20,000 at a time will be allowed without obtaining any requisition slip as per the format attached in Annexure- III," a circular from the state lender said.

Social media was abuzz with unconfirmed reports stating that customers would be required to fill a form and provide identity proof to exchange or deposit ₹2000 notes.

Also, SBI has clarified that people will not be required to submit identification at the time of exchange. "Further no identity proof is required to be submitted by the tenderer at the time of exchange," noted the circular.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday announced withdrawal of ₹2000 currency notes from circulation but gave public time till September 30 to either deposit such notes in accounts or exchange them at banks.

Officials of private sector banks have also said the customers would not have to fill any form or give an Aadhaar card to exchange these notes. However, they added that more details and clarifications are expected in the coming days.

"So far, we have not received any communication from our head office regarding exchange of ₹2,000 notes. We have not been told to ask for any identity proof from customers coming to deposit or exchange ₹2000 notes. Also, there is no form to be filled by customers to exchange these notes as of now. We have not received any such format for that form or slip," a branch manager of a private sector bank told this newspaper. "We expect to get more clarity on this issue on Monday. We are expecting to witness a huge rush of customers this week," he added.

For bankers, this announcement by the RBI has revived the memories of demonetisation announced in November 2016 when branches were flooded with customers coming to deposit their notes.

While banks are getting ready for the upcoming rush of customers, they will not accept ₹2000 notes on Monday.

They have advised customers not to visit the branch to exchange or deposit these notes on Monday. "We will not accept any ₹2,000 note on Monday and will start exchanging or depositing these notes from May 23. We have already witnessed a surge in queries from customers on Saturday regarding this issue, but we have nothing concrete to tell them," said a senior official of a public sector bank.

"As of now, customers do not need to fill any forms or provide identity proof to exchange ₹2000 notes," he clarified.

There is also confusion about the status of these notes after September 30. As per the central bank, these notes will continue to remain legal tender even after September 30 meaning they can be used for transactions.

Customers can deposit ₹2000 banknotes into their bank accounts or exchange them for banknotes of other denominations at any bank branch.

In order to ensure smooth operations and to avoid disruption of regular activities of bank branches, exchange of ₹2000 banknotes into banknotes of other denominations can be made up to a limit of ₹20,000.

The move comes amid concerns of the highest denomination notes being used to hoard black money.

The RBI had stopped printing ₹2000 notes in 2018-19 and the notes were rarely in circulation.

The ₹2000 denomination bank note was introduced in November 2016, primarily to meet the currency requirement of the economy in an expeditious manner after the withdrawal of legal tender status of all ₹500 and ₹1,000 bank notes in circulation at that time.

As per the RBI, about 89% of the ₹2,000 denomination banknotes were issued prior to March 2017 and are at the end of their estimated life span of 4-5 years.

The total value of such banknotes in circulation has declined from ₹6.73 lakh crore at its peak as on March 31, 2018 (37.3% of notes in circulation) to ₹3.62 lakh crore constituting only 10.8% of notes in circulation as on March 31, 2023.

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MONEY MATTERS

WHY MUTUAL FUNDS MATTER TO YOUR FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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THE Securities and Exchange Board of India has put out a consultation paper on the total expense ratio (TER) charged by the asset management companies (AMCs) to you. Presently, AMCs managing your money through equity, debt and other mutual funds schemes charge you additional expenses over the TER. The Sebi paper seeks to bring all expenses under a uniform TER. It is essential that the TER lives up to the name, and you are not charged anything more than that. Anything that simplifies your life as a mutual fund investor should be welcomed. Mutual funds are supposed to help you achieve your financial goals. Despite covering considerable ground, the industry has a long way to go.

About 3.77 crore unique investors use mutual funds as a vehicle now. That is a significant jump from 1.28 crore unique investors in March 2017. However, considering the population of India, it is still barely a 3% penetration. It is much easier now to invest through mutual funds than before. Sebi's moves are likely to ease the path further. It is unclear if unitholders bother about the expense ratio as long as the fund's performance is better than the benchmark.

Even then, the low penetration means individual households have to see mutual funds as the vehicle for financial security to own a variety of asset classes. Investor awareness assumes significance. Sebi is allowing mutual funds to expense the cost of distribution commission for inflows from B-30 cities to the investor awareness budget. These are cities beyond the Top 30 cities in India. That allows the mutual fund industry to initiate new people in the mutual funds' sector.

The regulators would do whatever it takes to create awareness and make mutual funds interesting. There is a problem with the upfront disclaimers that 'mutual funds are subject to market risks'. While it is essential for everyone to understand the risk associated with investing, the disclaimer by the mutual fund industry effectively scares people. You need more people to come to the fold. The industry has requested toning down or removing it for a long time. Sebi and regulators want the disclaimer put upfront as a matter of caution. The disagreement over this matter needs a swift resolution.

There is also a significant misconception. Most people equate mutual funds to equity markets. You must understand that mutual funds are not an asset class in themselves. They are a vehicle that allows you to own a variety of asset classes. Those could be equity, debt or gold. You must work with your professional financial advisor to create an investment portfolio that suits your risk profile. An appropriate asset allocation plan matters to you more than anything else.

You need exposure to India's equity or debt markets. There can be no better way to invest in these asset classes if you are new to the investing world. India's economy is expected to grow steadily over the next several years. Besides Sebi's initiatives, the digital revolution in India is also an enabler. In a recent speech, the Reserve Bank of India deputy governor Michael D Patra explained the 'Dawn of India's age'. He highlighted that India has emerged as the most significant player in real-time payment transactions globally, with a 50% share. He said that the Unified Payment Interface is at the heart of the ecosystem and has witnessed around 9 billion transactions in April 2023 alone. The India stack also brings mutual funds and the stock markets closer to you.

It is very common for Indian households to own real estate and gold. However, financial assets are only limited to bank deposits and life insurance. It is time for you to look at financial markets and make a beginning through mutual funds. If you think choosing a mutual fund scheme is a complex task, you can look at exchange-traded funds. They track popular benchmark indices and are supposed to track the performance of these indices. With all these developments, there is little excuse for not investing.

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I just saw a survey in an American poll that only 20% of the people surveyed think that they can ever retire! Is that not appalling? I mean imagine being told in your 30s or 40s that you will never be able to retire because of your income and expense levels.

Then I began wondering whether the 80% were sure or were they just lacking in confidence? What about the 20% of the respondents? Were they over-confident or just sure?

So I asked a few friends. The answers were on the predicted lines. They had no clue!! Imagine at the age of 44 you have no clue about your retirement. In this cruel world, her retirement could be 6 years away, and she had no clue! In many companies when the management changes hands – could even be from father to son or elder brother to a younger one – they do try to reduce the head count.

There is just one way to have anything better than a (wild) guess about what your financial future may look like. Plain and simple, do your math and look at your financial numbers.

No, you do not need to be a math or physics professor at IIT to do this nor do you need a financial advisor to do this for you! There are enough calculators around the world for you to do this.

You just need some patience and the ability to be honest with yourself. If you do not have that, see if your spouse has it. If both of you lack then go to a financial planner who understands all this jargon!

Step one is to find out how much you are currently spending! This is easy. Take your bank passbook and your credit card statement – it shows all your cheque based expenses. See how much cash you withdraw on a monthly basis. Totalling up these numbers tells you how much you spend on a monthly basis. Now add up the annual expenses – like festivities, weddings, etc. That my friend is what you spend. Easy is it not?

Your retirement spending might be lower (if you had paid off all your loans and your kids had gone away) or it might be higher (more travel and medical costs?). Make adjustments and don't expect to arrive at the perfect number. You have an approximate number. This is surely not a bad start. Most people don't know what their numbers are and have never thought about it. You have at least made a start!

Remember to adjust this for inflation

So if you are 40 years of age and you are spending ₹55,000 per month including ₹10,000 for your kid, it means your expenses are ₹40,000 per month. This adds up to ₹480,000 per annum. Add ₹ 120,000 for expenses like vacation, festivals, gifts, etc. That makes it ₹6 lakh p.a. Assuming an inflation of 10%, it means your expenses will double every 7 years. So your expenses will be ₹3 lakh per month when you retire at the age of 60.

₹3 lakh per month means you need about 360*3 lakh = about ₹10.8 crore – which is the corpus that you require for retirement? If you do not like it, please don't kill me. Change the amount that you are spending!

Government has no plans to raise funds via green bonds in FY24

MONIKA YADAV @New Delhi

THE government has no plans to raise funds through issuance of sovereign green bonds in the current financial year, a finance ministry official told TNIE. The official on the condition of anonymity said that there is no need for raising funds through green bonds as of now.

The government raised ₹ 16,000 crore in two tranches of ₹8,000 each through issuance of sovereign green bonds for the first time in 2022-23. However, while announcing the borrowing calendar for the first half of the current financial year, it did not have the option of raising funds through green bonds. The government had then said that the issuance of sovereign green bonds would be announced in the second half of 2023-24.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced in the Union Budget about the issue of green bonds as part of the government's overall market borrowings for mobilizing resources for green infrastructure. Green bonds proceeds are meant to be deployed in public sector projects which help in reducing the carbon intensity of the economy.

Meanwhile, the official said that the government would meet its fiscal deficit target for the current fiscal year because of lower crude oil prices and buoyant tax collection. He is also optimistic about the retail inflation remaining below 5% in the current financial year.

"We will be able to meet the fiscal deficit target for the current financial year on account of lower oil prices and growth in tax revenue both direct and indirect taxes," the official said. The government has set a disinvestment target of ₹51,000 crore for FY 24, which is the lowest target in seven years. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to transfer over ₹87,000 crore surplus to the Central government exchequer. This will also boost the Centre's confidence of meeting its fiscal deficit target. The government has set a fiscal deficit target at 5.9% of the GDP for FY 24. It has committed to bring it down to 4.5% of the GDP. The retail inflation in April fell to an 18-month low at 4.7% owing to decline in food prices. Global crude oil prices have also been decreasing over the last few months. According to the official, crude oil prices will remain low on account of US recession fears.

India imported more than 87% of its domestic consumption in FY23. The Centre has projected the total gross market borrowing at ₹15.43 lakh crore for FY24. Sitharaman had said that the government would borrow ₹15.45 lakh crore with a net market borrowing of ₹11.8 lakh crore from small savings and other sources.

Will changes in Angel tax rules help start-ups?

UMA KANNAN @Bengaluru

EVER since the budget included non-resident investors under the ambit of angel tax, start-ups and the investment community have been raising concerns. But in March, the finance ministry said all concerns raised by stakeholders in the implementation of the proposal would be addressed, and on Friday, based on the inputs of stakeholders, in a notification, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) exempted many foreign and Indian entities from the purview of angel tax.

Angel tax was introduced in 2012, and it is the tax that unlisted companies are liable to pay (about 30.9%) on the capital they raise through issue of shares, and it is calculated on the basis of the premium amount received above the fair market value of the shares.

CBDT has proposed that certain classes of persons being non-resident investors to whom clause (viib) of sub-section (2) of section 56 of the Act (angel tax) shall not be applicable, and

this includes central banks, sovereign wealth funds, international or multilateral organisations or agencies including entities controlled by the Government or where direct or indirect ownership of the Government is 75% or more. Start-ups and investors have welcomed this draft rules.

"The exclusions proposed for certain non-resident investors, including sovereign wealth funds and regulated entities, is a positive move that recognises the integrity of these organisations and should bring increased funding stability. This will also boost the start-up ecosystem and encourage entrepreneurial spirit," said Mayank Singh, Co- founder of Campus 365.

To account for forex fluctuations, bidding processes and variations in other economic indicators, which may affect the valuation of the unquoted equity shares during multiple rounds of investment, it is proposed to provide a safe harbour of 10 % variation in value, CBDT said.

The inclusion of safe harbour of 10% will allow some flexibility to the promoters to negotiate for a better price. Along with safe harbour tolerance of price variation, the exclusion of Government controlled funds, SEBI registered entities is also an added exception from these new rules, said Saurrav Sood- Practice Leader- International Tax & Transfer Pricing at SW India.

New draft rules also introduce five new methods of valuation that will provide relief to non-resident investors.

Rahul Charkha, Partner, Economic Laws Practice said, "Presently, exemption from angel tax provisions is applicable where the consideration for issue of shares is received by start-ups registered with DPIIT or a venture capital undertaking from a venture capital company or a venture capital fund or a specified fund."

He also added that usage of some hybrid instruments, flipping of holding structures to obtain funding at overseas levels, instruments with differential rights garnering differential valuation are some of the prevailing practices that the companies are resorting to for raising funds from the overseas investors.

10% safe harbour

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Sharath wins opener at World Championships

India veteran A Sharath Kamal made a winning start at the World Table Tennis Championships in Durban on Sunday. The 56th ranked Indian defeated World No 170 David Serdaroglu of Austria 11-8, 9-11, 11-9, 11-6, 11-6 to advance to the Round of 64. Manush Shah and Harmeet Desai had lost their opening matches on Saturday.

After Aussie lifts MI in the first match, Kohli's effort falls short as GT's Gill slams 104 to knock RCB out

GREEN-LIGHT FOR MI, VIRAT TON IN VAIN

Cameron Green hit an unbeaten 47-ball 100 to power Mumbai Indians to an eight-wicket victory | SPORTZPICS

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

MUMBAI Indians are Indian Premier League royalty. Five-time champions, perennial contenders, an excel sheet cricket club who have married the art of off-field data with on-field execution. They also lose a lot of games in the first phase of the campaign before course correcting in the latter part of the season.

Sometimes, it works out. In 2015, they began the season by losing four in a row. They finished the league phase by winning seven off the last eight. Including the qualifier and the final, they won nine of the last 10 — an incredible streak considering T20 is a high variance sport even at the very elite level — to lift their second IPL title.

Sometimes, it doesn't work out. In 2018, they lost five of their opening six games before stringing together five wins in seven games. Any win off their last league game against Delhi Daredevils would have confirmed qualification. But they fell short.

BRIEF SCORES
SRH 200/5 in 20 ovs (Agarwal 83, Vivrant 69; Madhwal 4/37) lost to MI 201/2 in 18 ovs (Green 100 n.o, Rohit 56).

On a sunbathed Wankhede Stadium, they were not in a dissimilar position. They had to beat Hyderabad to give themselves a chance, any chance, of being in the mix. If nothing else, a win would put pressure on Bangalore — if weather permitted in the Garden City later in the day — in the league's last game against Gujarat.

Just like the majority of the last month, they did what was asked of them with minimum fuss. Riding on a four-fer from the uncapped Akash Madhwal and an inspired 100 from Cameron Green, they beat Hyderabad by eight wickets to leapfrog Bangalore into fourth place. It was their fifth win in their last seven league games; it was the sort of display one has come to expect from the franchise when the chips are down.

After 69 matches, it finally came down to the last league match to decide the fourth team in the playoffs. Bangalore would have liked Hyderabad's positive start with the bat not least because there was all sorts of electrical activity in the Bangalore skies. The heavens had opened as early as Saturday with weather reports suggesting a shortened match.

Once the electrical activity stopped and the overhead conditions cleared, Virat Kohli, whose evolution as a T20 batter continues, assumed centrestage to give Bangalore a prayer.

Asked to bat first by Hardik Pandya, Bangalore, as they have so often done this season, came out focusing on clearing the infield in the first six overs. While Kohli looked to hit the ball too hard, Du Plessis was on the money. A lot of Gujarat success has been down to Mohammed Shami picking powerplay wickets. Deny him that and the side can lose its oxygen. That's what happened as Du Plessis climbed into him, muscling him for four fours across five drama-filled balls in the third over. It wasn't pretty but who wants pretty when there's a match to be won.

That was the wake-up call Kohli (he was on eight of 10 at this stage) needed. The left-arm pace of Yash Dayal was despatched thrice on the leg-side for three fours.

When Kohli hits Rashid Khan for a boundary off his first ball, you know he's in the mood, alright. That was one of the features of his innings as he brought up back-to-back 100s in the league. Even as wickets fell at regular intervals, Kohli didn't allow himself to be stuck when the spinners were in operation.

Here's a small sample as to how he paced his innings. Against the pacers in the first 15 overs, he scored 33 off 22. Off the spinners, it was an equally impressive 30 off 21. But he didn't need to take undue chances as Michael Bracewell provided the ballast, a 26 off 16 just when it seemed like the innings needed that spark.

What has worked so well for Kohli over the years even in this format — something that had seemingly deserted him for sometime — was his ability to maneuver pace in the end. Under the Chinnaswamy lights on Sunday night, that old magic was visible as he scored 34 off 14 in the end overs.

Was it going to be enough? Kohli's innings made that question possible. However, Shubman Gill, the man many think will ultimately replace Kohli as India's next white ball great, played an innings based on authority and impudence. While they never allowed the asking rate to go out of hand, Bangalore were in with a sniff before Gill's swagger reduced the sniff to sniffles. And thanks to him, Mumbai, sitting a 1000 kms away, will take their place in the eliminator against Lucknow on Wednesday.

BRIEF SCORES: RCB 197/5 in 20 ovs (Kohli 101 n.o; Ahmad 2/39) lost to GT 198/4 in 19.1 ovs (Gill 104 n.o, Vijay 53; Siraj 2/32).

Virat Kohli slammed an ubeaten 101 against GT, but his knock went in vain as the visitors won by six wickets | VINOD KUMAR T

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
Gujarat	14	10	4	20	0.80
Chennai	14	8	5	17	0.65
Lucknow	14	8	5	17	0.28
Mumbai	14	8	6	16	-0.04
Rajasthan	14	7	7	14	0.14
Bangalore	14	7	7	14	0.13
Kolkata	14	6	8	12	-0.23
Punjab	14	6	8	12	-0.30
Delhi	14	5	9	10	-0.80
Hyderabad	14	4	10	8	-0.59

AFTER THE LAST LEAGUE TIE BETWEEN RCB AND GT

NUMBERS THAT MATTER AFTER LEAGUE PHASE

ORANGE CAP	PURPLE CAP
FAF DU PLESSIS	MOHAMMED SHAMI
730 RUNS	24 WKTS
MOST SIXES: 36	MOST DOT BALLS: 172

If we go through, I'll give all the credit to the boys. That's how it works. Last year, we did a big favour to RCB, I hope we get the result what we are looking for. — Rohit Sharma, MI skipper

Bronze for Shaili in 1st sr int'l meet

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

COMPETING in a first major senior international competition, like the Golden Grand Prix, can be tricky. India's up-and-coming young long jump athlete, Shaili Singh, also had some flutter during the Seiko Golden Grand Prix — part of the World Athletics Continental Tour — but was strong enough to win bronze with a jump of 6.65m in her first attempt. In the next series of jumps, she tried to improve but could not get close to her personal best of 6.76m she had managed at the Indian GP in April this year.

Yet Shaili, the junior world championships silver medallist, was pleased with her performance because it has come in her first Grand Prix and against some good competitors who had better personal bests than her. The women's long jump was won by Germany's Maryse Luzolo with a distance of 6.79m and Brooke Buschkuehl was second with 6.77m. Shaili's is the best by an Asian this season and would try to improve as she heads to Asian Championships and hopefully a couple of Grand Prix in Europe.

Shaili's coach Robert Bobby George sounded relieved after the event. On Saturday, he did say that 6.65m is what he was expecting and she could do more. "Considering it's her first Grand Prix, this result is very heartening," said Robert from Yokohama. "She did very well in her first two jumps but I think she got a bit tired after that. Conditions were good. Later, there was a slight head wind also. Anyway, we will have to assess her performance and improve."

Shaili, who trains at the Anju Bobby George Jumps Academy in Bengaluru and funded by TOPS, has had a good season so far but she is yet to qualify for the Worlds in Budapest in August. Robert felt they needed some good jumps so that they could improve their ranking on the Race to Budapest list.

"We will compete at the inter-state nationals in Bhubaneswar next month and then at the Asian Championships where we can get some important points," he said. "We will try for two-three Grand Prix in Europe also." As of now, Robert said they are happy that her jump is among the best by Asians in 2023. "This is a good experience for her," he said. "She has competed against top Japanese jumpers who will be our competitors at the Asian Championships and Games later. I told her let's beat the Japanese athlete at their home. We need to improve on her endurance a bit more."

China claim record 13th Sudirman Cup title

AGENCIES @ Suzhou

CHINA claimed a record 13th Sudirman Cup title on Sunday, defeating South Korea on home soil at the first major sporting event in the country since the lifting of pandemic restrictions. Cheered on by a raucous crowd brandishing red and white thundersticks and loud horns in the eastern city of Suzhou, China made short work of the Korean side, beating them 3-0.

Chen Yufei of China in action | AP

Chen Yufei defeated World No 2 An Se Young 21-16, 22-20 in the women's singles to seal victory, prompting the packed stadium to erupt in cheers and the entire Chinese team to rush onto the court to dance in a circle. The mixed team event is one of badminton's most important tournaments, and the stakes were higher than usual this year because performances will count towards qualification for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

"I am very happy to play at home," men's singles player Shi Yuqi said. "When you can feel that the audience is cheering you on, your own state will also be mobilised very well." Virtually all international sports events ground to a halt in China after the coronavirus pandemic emerged there in late 2019, with the notable exception of last year's Beijing Winter Olympics that were held in a virus-secure "bubble". China had come through a tricky semifinal against Japan, with the men's doubles pair of Liu Yuchen and Ou Xuanyi saving four match points before finally prevailing. "Watching the game yesterday gave me a stomach ache and a little dizziness, so I didn't sleep until after two o'clock," Shi said. South Korea beat Malaysia 3-1 on their way to the final. On Sunday, Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong lost the opening game of the mixed doubles but pulled it back in a tense point-for-point second game to triumph 18-21, 22-20, 21-8.

A jubilant Zheng jumped up and down in excitement, ripped off his shirt and threw it into the crowd. His partner Huang threw her racket to a delighted spectator. Asked afterwards about how they were preparing for the Olympics, they said "let's just get the (qualification) points first".

South Korea's Lee Yun Gyu was easily outmatched in the men's singles, unable to deal with Shi's powerful smashes and laser focus.

Jayaprakash re-elected as president of SFI

GOMESH S @ Chennai

AS the Annual General body meeting of the Swimming Federation of India (SFI) was conducted in Chennai on Sunday, the federation's president RN Jayaprakash and general secretary Monal D Choksi were re-elected for their respective positions. While Sudesh Nagvenkar of Goa was elected as the treasurer, five vice presidents — Rajkumar, Anil Vyas, M Satish Kumar, Bhaskar Das and Anil Khatri — and three joint secretaries — TS Muraleedharan, M Lokeshwar Singh, Lakshmi Chandra Mahakur — too, were elected. Virendra Nanavati will act as the advisor to the president and also will look after the SFI administration.

Speaking after retaining the top position, Jayaprakash said that despite Covid-19 putting them on the backfoot in their first term, they are keen to build on the work done in the last four years.

The key focus areas, he said, are increasing the number of registered swimmers by 5000-10,000 each year with the help of camps and coaching clinics, special focus on water polo and diving targetting the youth and the swimmers at the state level, improving the number of competitive coaches.

RN Jayaprakash (C) addresses the media in Chennai on Sunday | SFI

Jayaprakash said that the SFI is going to propose to four states — Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Odisha, and Telangana — to hand over the swimming pools to the federation for a year-long camp so that they will be able to bring in foreign coaches. "In the Velachery swimming pool, we have a diving pool, a lovely gym, etc. If you have to build a pool like that level it will cost ₹1000 crore. If it is handed over to SFI along with SDAT, we both would combine together and do a very good academy there. We are going to propose it to four states," said Jayaprakash.

With the elite swimmers currently competing at the Mare Nostrum Swim Tour in Monaco, Choksi said that they have earmarked the upcoming events for them in the lead-up to the Paris Olympics.

EXPRESS READ

Indian women play out 1-1 draw with Australia

ADELAIDE: Deep Grace Ekka converted a penalty corner to help the Indian women's hockey team rally and play out a 1-1 draw in their third tour game against Australia on Sunday. Ekka (42th minute) netted a goal for India after Maddison Brooks (25th) had put the hosts in front. The result meant that Australia won the three-match series 2-0.

Rybakina wins Italian Open as Kalinina retires

ROME: Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina won the Italian Open when Ukrainian opponent Anhelina Kalinina retired due to a left thigh injury early in the second set of the rain-delayed final on Saturday. Rybakina was leading 6-4, 1-0, 15-0 when Kalinina called for a trainer and grasped her left leg as she teared up. She then decided she couldn't continue.

Murray also pulls out of French Open

PARIS: Three-time Grand Slam champion Andy Murray has withdrawn from the clay-court French Open, organisers said. The 36-year-old British player lost in the 2016 final to Novak Djokovic and reached four other semifinals at Roland Garros in western Paris. Play begins there May 28 and the tournament will also be without record 14-time champion Rafael Nadal.

SIMPLY UNSTOPPABLE

City of Joy: Pep's men beat Chelsea to celebrate title triumph

AFP @ Manchester

MANCHESTER City celebrated their third consecutive Premier League title on Sunday as a much-changed side was still good enough to beat Chelsea 1-0 at the Etihad. Pep Guardiola's men clinched a fifth title in six seasons on Saturday when second-placed Arsenal were beaten 1-0 at Nottingham Forest.

That gave Guardiola the luxury of resting most of his star names with one eye on the FA Cup and Champions League finals next month as City go for the treble. The strength of City's squad was exemplified by Julian Alvarez, who has spent most of the season as Erling Haaland's understudy, scoring his 17th goal of the campaign to extend the English champions' unbeaten run in all competitions to 24 games.

7 Man City clinched a fifth PL title in six seasons on Saturday when second-placed Arsenal were beaten 1-0 at Nottingham Forest. They now have seven PL titles in total.

Results: Brighton 3-1 Southampton; Man City 1-0 Chelsea; West Ham 3-1 Leeds.

But a festive afternoon for City was marred at full-time as thousands of fans spilled onto the pitch despite pleas from the club to remain in the stands.

Guardiola made nine changes in all from the side that thrashed Real Madrid 4-0 in midweek. The youthful hosts were still too sharp for the beleaguered visitors early on and took the lead on 12 minutes. Alvarez continued his stunning season for club and country as the Argentine World Cup winner swept home Cole Palmer's pass. Palmer made the most of a rare Premier League start and was unlucky not to double City's lead when his goalbound effort was cleared off the line by Trevoh Chalobah.

Man City players celebrate with the Premier League trophy on Sunday | AFP

Leeds in relegation peril

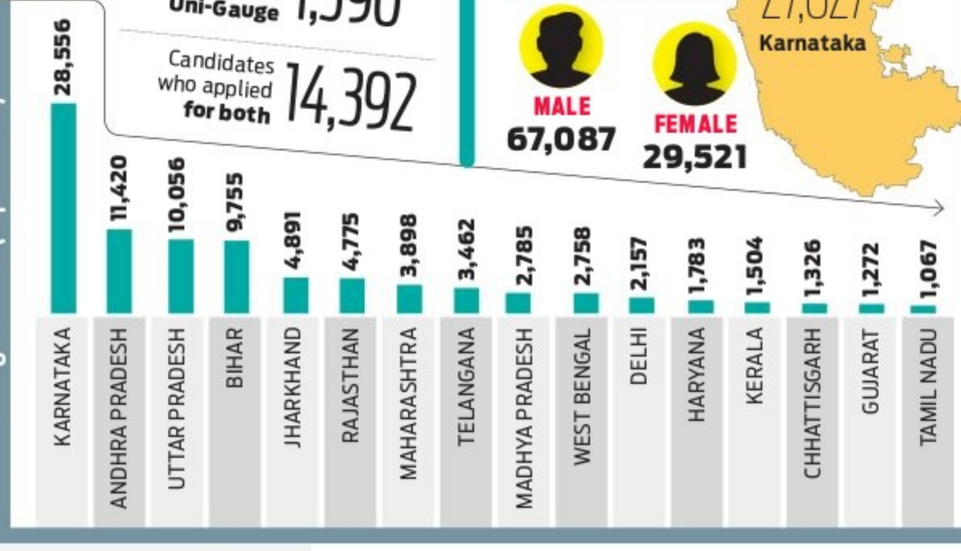
LONDON: Leeds slipped closer to relegation after a 3-1 defeat against West Ham in their penultimate game of the season.

Sam Allardyce's side blew the lead at the London Stadium as Rodrigo's opener was erased by goals from Declan Rice, Jarrod Bowen and Manuel Lanzini. Leeds remain third bottom and are two points adrift of fourth bottom Everton, with both teams having just one game left.

Elsewhere on Sunday, Brighton secured European football for the first time in their history with a 3-1 win against Southampton.

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS 2023

Candidates who applied for COMEDK-UGET 80,826
Candidates who applied for Uni-Gauge 1,390
Candidates who applied for both 14,392

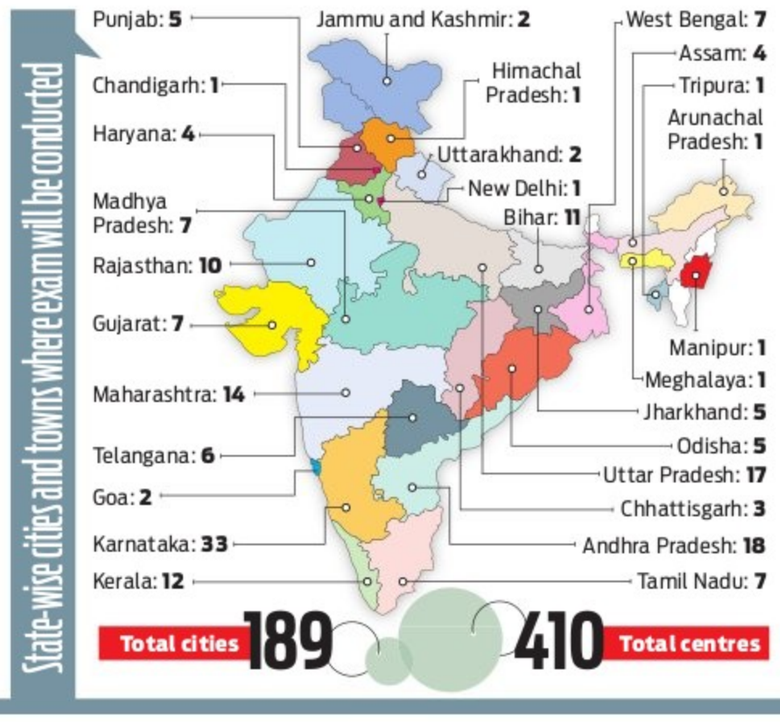


BREAKUP OF REGISTERED CANDIDATES

68,781 Non Karnataka
27,827 Karnataka
MALE 67,087
FEMALE 29,521

Most popular courses among candidates

1. Computer Science Engineering (CSE) with Data Science
2. CSE (IoT & Cyber Security)
3. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Science
4. AI & Machine Learning
5. Information Science & Engineering
6. Electronics and Communication
7. Aerospace engineering



IMPORTANT DATES

May 28, 2023 (Sunday): Last date for downloading Online Test Admission Ticket (TAT)

May 28, 2023 (Sunday): COMEDK UGET & Uni-GAUGE E 2023
Morning Slot: 9.00 am to 12 noon
Afternoon slot: 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm)

May 30, 2023 (Tuesday): Publishing of provisional answer key/ Start date for online submission of objections to answer key

June 1, 2023 (Thursday): Last date for receiving challenges/ objections pertaining to provisional answer keys

June 6, 2023 (Tuesday): Publishing of final answer keys

June 10, 2023 (Saturday): Test score cards to be made available online to candidates

YOUR QUERIES, ANSWERED

YOU CAN FIND ANSWERS FOR ALL YOUR QUESTIONS HERE

During the exam, what if I face issues with the computer?
There are buffer systems at every centre. The time lost due to the change of system will be duly taken care of.

Are students applying from outside the state of Karnataka eligible for the benefit of lower eligibility qualifying marks?
Only students from Karnataka who belong to SC/ST or OBC category will get the benefit of lower eligibility qualifying marks.

I finished my 2nd PUC/Class XII a few years ago. Am I eligible for the engineering courses under COMEDK? What is the age limit?
For BTech, you would be eligible as per the norms of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)/ Visvesvaraya Technological University.

What are the charges for seeking clarifications in the provisional answer key?
₹500 per clarification.

How will I know my test results?
The results will be uploaded on the COMEDK website.

How many exams do I have to appear for if I want to apply for COMEDK UGET and Uni-GAUGE?
You have to attempt only one exam. You can opt to be considered for only COMEDK UGET, only Uni-GAUGE or both.

What is the exam pattern?
Exam pattern: Physics 60 MCQ, Chemistry 60 MCQ, Math 60 MCQ (Total 180). There is no negative marking.

What are the sanctioned intake and fee structures for COMEDK and Uni-GAUGE seats?
The number of seats available against each category and the fee structure will be notified before counselling.

What is the syllabus for COMEDK-UGET 2023?
The Entrance Test is based on the CBSE syllabus as given below:
Class XI – 2021-22 Syllabus (33% Questions allocation)
Class XII – 2022-23 Syllabus (67% Questions allocation)

WHO MAY I APPROACH FOR QUERIES/ASSISTANCE?
For exam-related queries, you may contact the COMEDK help desk (Phone: 080-46671060, studenthelpdesk@comedk.org) on weekdays between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm

COMEDK IS AN EXAM FOR ADMISSION TO ENGINEERING COLLEGES IN KARNATAKA. BUT ITS APPEAL IS NO LESS THAN A CENTRAL EXAM. OFFICIALS TELL US HOW THIS CAME TO BE

MORE THAN 70%
COMEDK applicants are from outside Karnataka: Officials

SAUMYANGI YADAV

THE Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka (COMEDK) conducts entrance examinations for admission to many renowned engineering colleges of Karnataka. Following the increasing demand for engineering seats in Bengaluru among the aspirants, the entrance exam has become one of the most popular entrance exams after Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Main.

This year, a combined examination for COMEDK Undergraduate Entrance Test (UGET) and Educational Rating and Assessment (ERA) foundation's Uni-Gauge will be conducted on Sunday, May 28 for 22,000 seats in 153 member institutions of COMEDK and 55 private, self-financed universities under the ERA foundation. The test will be conducted in online mode at 410 centres in over 180 towns and cities across India.

With the exam fast approaching, we reached out to Dr S Kumar, Executive Secretary of COMEDK and P Muralidhar, CEO of ERA Foundation for a discussion on the entrance examination, future trends in engineering admissions and the popularity of colleges in Karnataka among the aspirants.

The duo also commented on the subject of a prospective merger with the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) which was proposed last year, the future of state-specific entrance exams and the delay in the counselling process last year as well as advice for the students who will be appearing for the exam soon. Here are some excerpts from our conversation:

Q COMEDK, starting out as a state-specific exam has considerably expanded its reach to other states. What is the interest around COMEDK like when it comes to other states?
Dr S Kumar: COMEDK was started in the academic year 2004-05 and since the beginning, it has been a pan-India examination. We never restricted the exam to be available for Karnataka students alone.

This year, 71% of students who have registered for the examination are from other states while 29% are from Karnataka.

Q How has Karnataka positioned itself so that students from other states are attracted towards seeking admission in the state for higher education? What do you think are the main reasons behind this attraction?
Kumar: Most of the engineering colleges in Karnataka were established about 30-40 years ago. That is one of the strengths of Karnataka colleges. The state also provides a very convenient ecosystem for technical education. For example, when one has to opt for an internship during their course, most industry and IT giants are available here in Karnataka.

P Muralidhar: For every college or university, it takes a few years to establish itself and gain maturity. Karnataka started early on while other states were still catching up. So, obviously, due to this factor, colleges in this state have a better intake of students and the faculty is better too. That's why, 1,10,000 students are vying for 22,000 seats via COMEDK this year.

test ready

Q Recently, COMEDK introduced innovation hubs called COMED KARES. What are these centres and how does it help the students in your member institutions?
Kumar: It is a major initiative with an investment of nearly ₹25 crores that COMEDK has established eight innovation hubs called COMED KARES. These centres have all facilities for a modern-day engineering training ranging from artificial intelligence, machine learning, robotics to 3D printing and so on.

We want students to identify problems in the community, discuss solutions with the facilitators at our centres and kickstart the project. Out of the eight centres, four are in Bengaluru as it has 73 engineering colleges. All the training programmes are approved by Visvesvaraya Technological University and they have even assigned credit points for student participation.

Q What is your advice for the students who are going to appear for the COMEDK exam?
Kumar: There are no shortcuts while choosing and preparing for college admissions.

Muralidhar: COMEDK UGET is a moderate exam, unlike JEE Main or Advance where only 20% of the students get good seats. Anyone with a good hold on basic fundamentals can secure a COMEDK seat. There is nothing to worry about or any special preparation required. Consistency is the key that will help.

Q Focusing on the exam itself, are there any major changes when it comes to COMEDK UGET this year?
Kumar: During the pandemic, there were talks about how a few topics could not be covered in schools. In order to not handicap the students, during those two years, those chapters were deleted from the question bank. However, now, from this year, we have gone back to the regular syllabus.

Q How many engineering courses does COMEDK offer admissions to? There have been discussions about how IT courses are preferred a lot more over others. What are the other trends one can trace when it comes to engineering via COMEDK?
Muralidhar: The number and description of courses are different in different institutions, there are so many variations of the same courses. Surprisingly, the top five courses preferred by students are all computer-related courses, namely, Computer Science with Data Science, Computer Science Engineering (Internet of Things and Cybersecurity), Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Sciences, AI and Machine Learning, and Information Science and Engineering.

However, with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, one important trend that will be noted is the whole idea of interdisciplinary studies. So tomorrow, just because you're pursuing Mechanical Engineering does not mean you cannot pursue Computer Science. With that, Computer Science and Data Analysis will become a common thread across many branches.

Q Recently, there has been a push for bringing all entrance exams under one umbrella, especially under NEP. In such a situation, what do you have to say about state-specific exams like COMEDK and their future?
Muralidhar: Unlike medical courses, there are more engineering seats in India than the number of aspirants. So, looking at the situation, I do not think there is a need for one single exam for engineering courses or a merger.

COMEDK is the only central exam for colleges in Karnataka as there is a high demand for these colleges.

Q Last year, there were talks about Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET)-COMEDK merger. Though the talk was that it was turned down by COMEDK, do you think there is a scope for the same in the near future?
Kumar: No, I don't think there are any plans as such.

Muralidhar: The important point is that KCET is only for domicile students while COMEDK is pan-India, which is why there are two exams. Also, we are not competing at all. KCET and COMEDK conduct their admission process in a well-synchronised manner.

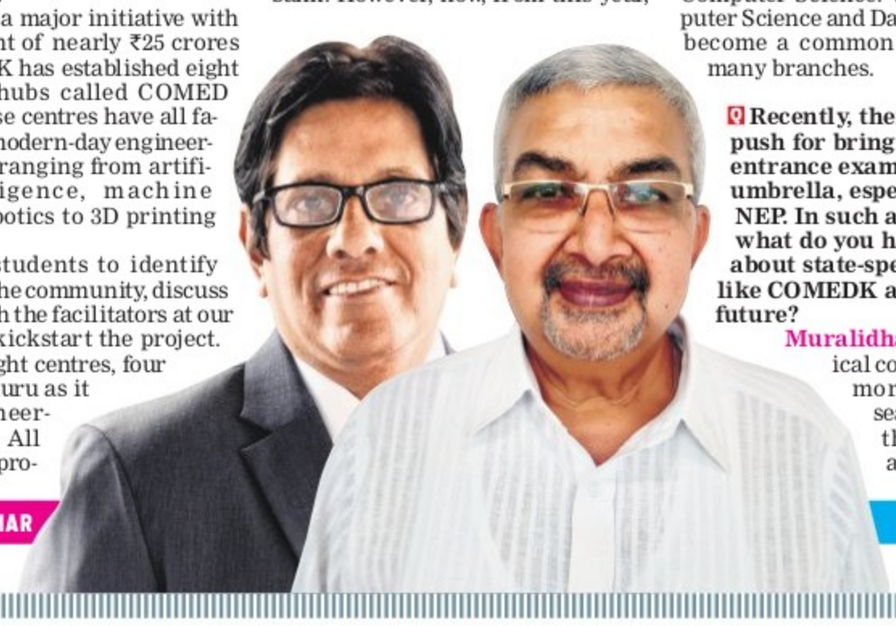
Q In 2022, the counselling process for COMEDK was delayed due to a delay in the KCET admission process. What can candidates expect this year? Would the two admission processes go hand-in-hand?
Muralidhar: Earlier, we were synchronising our counselling process so that a Karnataka student gets both choices.

On the other hand, now we do not need to do that since if the KCET process happens later and one of our candidates gets a government seat, we would be more than happy to return 100% of the money.

Q Any future plans for COMEDK, COMED KARES or member institutes?
Muralidhar: For COMED KARES, we have started these eight centres and we are already seeing reasonably good traction. But looking at the numbers, we have almost four lakh students just for engineering courses. So, from a capacity point of view, we are still falling short. This is why we are considering the expansion of this model within Karnataka.

Secondly, we might consider setting up extra research centres for dental and medical institutes.

Kumar: We are also contemplating a faculty training programme at all our centres so that the faculty can update themselves with modern technology. We have not structured a very detailed programme but we will do that shortly.



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Karnataka: Hub for Technical Education in India? Here is what students, experts say

Experts say that the state has always been a pioneer in the field of engineering and technical education. But how accessible is this education to students coming from other states?

KARNATAKA is one of the most sought-after destinations among engineering aspirants due to several reasons. From being home to India's first engineer Sir M Visvesvaraya to housing the Silicon Valley of India, the state has had a long-standing history with technology.

Experts, colleges and students explained that the reason behind the high appeal for Karnataka's technological institutes includes high industry presence, established institutes, better placement and so on.

Experts explain the attraction

IT industry veteran TV Mohandas Pai, who is also the former Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Infosys, explained, "The state has a long-established reputation of being a centre of technical education, an open welcoming culture, high-quality technical institutions and huge job availability. A long history of allowing private technical colleges, an enlightened open policy in higher education and huge job availability in tech in Bengaluru also gives the state an upper hand."

When asked about what Karnataka is doing to maintain its image in technical education, Pai added the private institutions in the state have very good placements and keep improving their standards while the state government has also started a programme of upgrading government institutions as per IIT standards.

Prof K Balaveera Reddy, former Vice-Chancellor of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Karnataka, said Karnataka has always been a pioneer in technical education. He added the state has a wide industry presence ranging from manufacturing to aeronautical, especially in Bengaluru.

state for tech

What do students prefer?

Industry experts and veterans have listed a number of reasons why students might prefer an engineering college in Karnataka over other states. But how accessible are Karnataka's engineering colleges to non-domicile students?

Students say that since Karnataka has been a tech hub for years, pursuing a technical degree in a place like this has its own obvious advantages.

"The difference in quality of education is also very evident. It can be seen by the fact that you'll find students from different parts of India in Karnataka colleges," said Tanmay Rajput, a native of Uttar Pradesh and a first-year engineering student studying in Bengaluru.

"Through COMEDK, we can get into RV College of Engineering or MS Ramaiah Institute in Bengaluru, which are comparable to premier institutes," said Prakhar Sachdev from Chattisgarh who will be appearing for COMEDK this year.

"In JEE Main, the competition is high and if you are not in the top 2% of the performers, you might not get the college of your choice. In COMEDK on the other hand, since there is no negative marking or reservation, one still has a chance to score well and get a good college," he added. Tanmay added Bengaluru is said to be a good city for students except for the high living costs.

Colleges, educators weigh in

The technical institutes in Karnataka say that there have always been a steady number of non-domicile students taking admission each year.

"In all the colleges, 30% seats are reserved for domicile students. Out of the rest, 40-45% are usually from other states.

Instead of coming to Bengaluru after graduation, the students want to study here and be part of this technical ecosystem," said Dr Sanjay Chitnis, Founding Dean, School of Computer Science and Engineering, RV University, Bengaluru.

Dr T Nageswara Rao, Director, School of Technology, GITAM Bengaluru, said that some of the courses are seeing a huge demand by students from other states.

"Particularly for CSE, there is a huge demand because of various job opportunities and high-paying job availability in the city," Rao explained.

"Colleges like MS Ramaiah attract top companies for campus placement. Karnataka colleges are well-known for maintaining quality in teaching and are application driven. This factor too attracts young minds from all over the country," explained Mahesh Yadav, South India region Head, Allen Career Institute.

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DAY'S DIARY

Fountain unveiled

The Trevi Fountain, the most scenic fountain in Rome, was officially opened and inaugurated on this day in 1762 by Pope Clement XIII

BAROQUE MASTERPIECE

The Italian Fontana di Trevi is considered a late Baroque masterpiece and stands some 85 feet high and is approximately 160 feet wide

DESIGN AND LORE

It was designed by Nicola Salvi and completed by Giuseppe Pannini in 1762. According to legend, those who toss coins into its waters will return to Rome

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Trevi fountain is likeluy the most famous in the world, present in the collective imagination, thanks to the film *La Dolce Vita* by Federico Fellini

Xpress Highway

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DRIFTING PAST THE BLOCKS

Despite narrowly losing the FIA Rally Star Women's Final, this Bengaluru rally driver is continually working towards her goals no matter the constraints

TUNIR BISWAS

FOUR years into her career, rally driver Pragathi Gowda is inching closer and closer to her ultimate goal of rallying on the world stage. In the recently-concluded FIA Rally Star Women's final in Italy, Gowda represented India, came up short of first-placed Peru's Annia Cilloniz, and finished second. However, her driving wasn't inferior to the Peruvian.

"Timing-wise, Annia and I were equal. In fact, they wanted to give us a rerun. But she was better with the technical questions during the interview. As she was a mechanic herself, she had more knowledge on the matter. I knew the basics, but she knew in and out of the car. They wanted someone who was reliable and consistent as well as technically strong because once you get stuck in the middle of the rally, it's up to you how you come out. So in that way, it was really tough for me. But in terms of driving, I was up there," shares Gowda. As she stood second in the race, she earned a reserve role in the FIA Rally Star Training Season and the World Rally Championship (WRC), in case Cilloniz is unable to compete.

A loss due to the technical round and not for her driving skills, Gowda feels it was inevitable as India doesn't teach the other side of professional driving. "The problem here is we don't concentrate on technical terms at all. We just go drive and come back. So if we all focus a bit more on the technical terms as well as driving, it will be really good and consequently improve our driving skills as well. Once you know a few things like how a car handles itself and how to transfer weight, for example, it becomes very easy for you to drive," she explains.

Gowda believes that FIA Rally Star gave India (and to an extent the whole of Asia) an unforeseen opportunity to qualify for the WRC. Earlier, there never existed a selection process in the continent for the competition. "Racing in the WRC is a big dream for all of us, and the FIA Rally Star allowed us to shoot a shot at it. So, it was good exposure for us. Secondly, it's the crosskarts. It's the basics of rallying; if you do well in the crosskarts, you can jump into a rally car and perform well. It doesn't mean you're a professional, but it affirms that you know the basics. I hope the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI) considers this and gets crosskart championships to India. We'll see many more talents grow and more people coming forward to take part," says Gowda, who started driving at the age of 13.

As of now, Gowda is steadfastly training for the upcoming competitions. "Right now, my prime focus is the national rounds of the Rally of Arunachal, which is coming up next month. But I'm also simultaneously getting trained for the FIA Rally Star Training Season if Annia backs out for some reason. I have also realised that I need to work on my fitness more. It's not easy to drive 30 km in one stretch, especially in a heavy vehicle. So, physical abilities, mental focus and technical knowledge are all being strengthened," she says.

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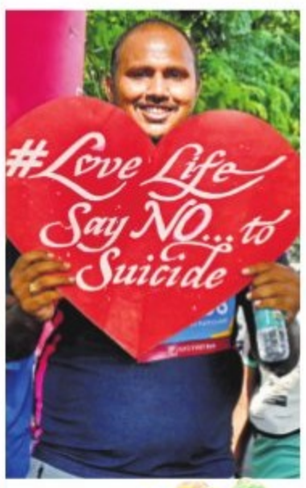


PICS: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

3.2.1... Get, set go

EARLY on Sunday morning, 27,000 men and women took to the streets of Bengaluru to participate in the TCS World 10k. Assembling in Kanteerava Stadium as early as 4am, the participants ran past iconic landmarks like Cubbon Park and Vidhana Soudha, going on to show everyone Bengaluru's up-and-coming image of being a fit city.

Speaking from the French Riviera, Iti Acharya shares some highlights from her second time at the Cannes Film Festival – meeting Michael Douglas and walking the red carpet with Sara Ali Khan

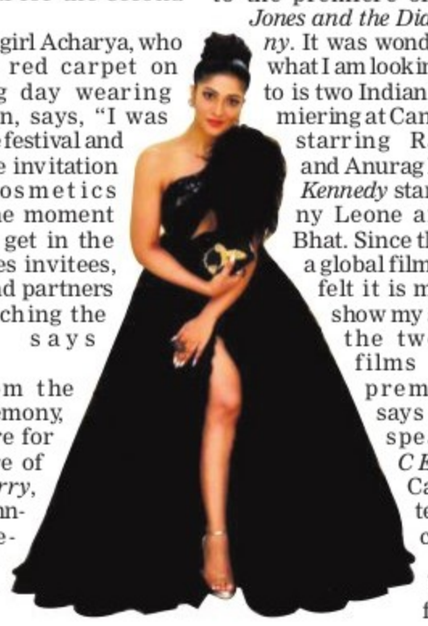
FRENCH DIARIES

MONIKA MONALISA

THE weather could be rainy and gloomy at Cannes but it didn't throw any bits of shade on **Iti Acharya's** excitement for walking the red carpet of the Cannes Film Festival for the second time.

Bengaluru girl Acharya, who walked the red carpet on the opening day wearing a black gown, says, "I was invited by the festival and soon I got the invitation from a cosmetics company. The moment our profiles get in the list of Cannes invitees, all their brand partners start approaching the guests," says Acharya.

Apart from the opening ceremony, she was there for the premiere of *Jeanne du Barry*, for which Johnny Depp reportedly got a seven minute standing ovation. "I also went to the premiere of *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*. It was wonderful. But what I am looking forward to is two Indian films premiering at Cannes, *Agra* starring Rahul Roy, and Anurag Kashyap's *Kennedy* starring Sunny Leone and Rahul Bhat. Since this is such a global film festival, I felt it is my duty to show my support to the two Indian films that are premiering," says Acharya, speaking to *CE* from Cannes, after taking a couple of minute breathers from her fittings.



Being in Cannes, where you are meeting all the global stars in flesh and blood, it is difficult to not get star-struck.

"During the inauguration of the Indian pavilion, I got to meet the Hollywood star, Michael Douglas. I have watched all his films. Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would meet him in real life! Not just Hollywood, during my red carpet walk, Sara Ali Khan and I were standing next to each other while posing for the cameras. Cannes really makes the world seem like a small place," she shares.

In the French Riviera for the whole festival, Acharya is looking forward to catching up with more people to learn more about films.

Currently working on her short film, Acharya is 'looking for more collaborators so that the short film has a wider scope'. Post Cannes, she is heading to Monaco to attend the Formula 1 Grand Prix, after which she is returning to India to resume her shoot.

CITY READ

Salon opens new branch

Truefitt & Hill, the world's oldest barbershop popular among the British upper crest for over two centuries, has extended its grooming experience to Koramangala. The inauguration was done by Niranjan Mukundan, para-swimmer. The store offers services like the Royal Shave and membership for grooming services.

Fertility centre celebrates parenthood

Oasis Fertility, Banashankari, a fertility centre in Karnataka, celebrated Mother's Day by organising a mass baby shower to honour couples who conceived with the assistance of in vitro fertilisation (IVF). Dr Devi R, clinical head & fertility specialist at Oasis Fertility, highlighted the impact of lifestyle factors such as age, sedentary habits, poor sleep, junk food consumption, high sugar levels, and alcohol intake on fertility. Dr Devi urged couples facing infertility issues to seek fertility consultations and emphasised that advanced treatments, including techniques like microtese for men with zero sperm count, are available to help them become parents.

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THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Til pitha 2) Mille-feuille (also known as Napoleon) 3) Nigiri

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Ishan Kumar 2) R Rajesh
3) Rajakumar T

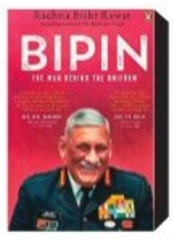
BOOK NOOK

Pagalkhana
Gyan Chaturvedi

Gyan Chaturvedi is a storyteller and composer who creates critical views of Vag-Vedya, Bhashik, Verbal Turshi, Society, and Time. He has created a fantasy about the market, which is no longer just a convenience system but is now challenging its sovereignty.

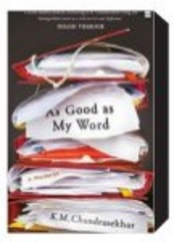
Revolutionaries: The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom
Sanjeev Sanyal

The history of India's struggle for freedom is usually told from the perspective of the non-violent movement. *Revolutionaries* tells the story of armed resistance to colonial occupation.



Bipin: The Man Behind the Uniform
Rachna Biswat Rawat

In early 1978, a slim and medium-built Gentleman Cadet at the Indian Military Academy, whom no one had noticed before, was being brutally thrashed by his much stronger opponent.



As Good As My Word: A memoir
KM Chandrashekhar

In this autobiography, KM Chandrashekhar paints an intimate picture of the UPA government during one of its toughest phases and his own, crucial, role in steering India.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Artistic Retreat

A perfect workshop for people wanting to learn canvas painting. Let your creative energies flow on canvas with help from experts. **WHEN:** May 26, 6pm **WHERE:** Art Beat Studio, JP Nagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

HOUR OF BLISS

A yoga workshop based on the Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram, an authentic and traditional yoga practice that can help improve physical and mental strength. **WHEN:** May 28, 7.30am **WHERE:** Woodlands Hotel, Sampangi Rama Nagara **DETAILS:** insider.in

Theatre Time

Kaakana Kote, revolves around the revolt of a small tribal hamlet in the deep forests. Set in the times of Shree Ranadheera Kanteerava, the play broaches a topic relevant to this day.
WHERE: Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road
WHEN: May 22, 6.45pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Comedy Circus

The comic trio of Neelaksh, Harmanpreeth and Vijeth are back with what they do best. Go for a session filled with laughter and good vibes.
WHEN: May 22, 8.30pm
WHERE: Yuck Comedy Club, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

CHAI CONCLAVE

Meet new people, and have heart-to-heart conversations without the fear of being judged over a cup of chai or coffee. **WHEN:** May 22, 7pm **WHERE:** Smallworld: S.T Bed, Koramangala **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Vintage Village

An antique flea market that will showcase a variety of vintage and retro items, honouring the charm and personality of bygone times.
WHEN: May 22, 10.30am
WHERE: Jaymahal Palace Hotel, Nandi Durga Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

A Game of Strategy

Whether you are a novice or a seasoned player, the Karnataka State Chess Championship offers an opportunity to test your mettle and engage in thrilling matches against fellow chess players.
WHERE: Forum Mall, Konanakunte Cross
WHEN: May 26 onwards, 8.30am
DETAILS: 8317426652

POISE AND GRACE
Bharatanatyam dancer Monal A Keskar performing at her rangapravesha on Saturday at Seva Sadan, Malleswaram | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

DAHI KE KEBAB

Contributed by **Surkhab Khan,** Lucknow

INGREDIENTS
- **Hung Curd:** 1 cup
- **Ginger- chopped:** 1/2 teaspoon
- **Turmeric powder :** 1/8 teaspoon
- **Red chilly powder:** 1/4 teaspoon
- **Garam masala powder:** 1/4 teaspoon
- **Corn flour**: 1/2 cup plus 1/4 cup for rolling
- **Fenugreek leaves, crushed:** 1/2 teaspoon
- **Coriander leaves:** chopped 2 tbsp
- **Vegetable oil for deep frying**
- **Onion- chopped:** 1
- **Green Chilly:** chopped 1

METHOD
- In a bowl, add all the ingredients, except vegetable oil and 1/4 cup corn flour and mix it well.
- Divide the mixture into 9-10 equal portions. Take one portion of the mixture and flatten it with you plams to give the kebab shape. Apply oil on your hands before making the kebabs to avoid sticking to your hands.
- Roll each kebabs in the corn flour. Heat the wok with oil and deep fry it on a low flame till it turns golden and crisp from both the sides. Fry 3-4 at a time.
- Delicious kebabs are ready to serve, serve hot with onion rings, lemon and your favourite dip or sauce.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

SUPTA SUCIRANDHRASANA VARIATION
(SUPINE WINDSHIELD WIPER POSE VARIATION)

This is a beginners' level yoga pose and excellent for the lower back and hips. It is a better way to get the massage for the hips and back while lying down on your back in supine. It gives a gentle massage to the lower back while stretching the upper thighs.

STEPS
- Start the practice lying down on your back in Savasana Variation Knees Bent (Corpse Pose Variation Knees Bent).
- Inhale and raise your arms above the head stretching from the shoulders. Exhale.
- Inhale, bring the right thigh towards the floor as you rest the right inner knee on the ground taking the leg behind extending the right knee.
- Exhale completely and rest the right foot on the floor, taking it closer to your hips.
- Stay here resting the right thigh on the floor while the left foot remains on the floor for about 4-6 breaths.
- Inhale, release and bring the right foot to rest back on the floor, and as you exhale take the left thigh to rest on the floor while placing the left knee on the floor and extend the left knee.
- Exhale and bring the left foot to rest on the floor too, close to your hip.
- Stay for 4-6 breaths stretching the left thigh taking it closer to the floor with each exhalation.
- Alternatively, you can repeat from step 2 above as dynamic movement with the hips, taking knees on the floor, for 12 times each knee down with exhalation.
- Exhale, return to initial position and relax.

BENEFITS
- Creates spine flexibility of spine.
- Helpful for both heart and lungs.
- Releases anxiety-related symptoms.
- Encourages a balanced body.
- Counter pose after practicing deep hip opening yoga sequences.
- Good asana for healing lower back aches
- Part of the yin yoga sequences.
- Helps understand the energy of the body.
- Strengthens abdominal muscles.
- Massages internal organs like spleen, kidneys, liver, etc.
- Beneficial for post-delivery or last stages of pregnancy.
- Good for menstrual period or reduces symptoms during menopause.

LIMITATIONS
Who have injuries to the spine, neck, shoulders, hips, knees, lower back, shoulders or neck, quadriceps muscles and anyone suffering from non-functioning of any internal organs or just after any surgery, avoid this.

Senior citizens can practice it at their comfort.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

HONDISI BAREYIRI (Kannada)
A story of a bunch of college friends who reunite after many years. It focuses on their college life, leading to the responsibilities of adulthood and their struggle to find solace amidst their complex relationships.
Cast: Naveen Shankar, Aishani Shetty
● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

AGILAN (Tamil)
When a crane operator starts controlling illegal trades at the harbor, he winds up clashing with another gangster.
Cast: Jayam Ravi, Chirag Jani
● **Watch on:** ZEE5

SHIKHARPUR (Bengali Series)
Keshto, a small-time detective, is determined to solve murders that are spreading terror in the hill town of Shikarpur.
Cast: Ankush Hazra, Sandipta Sen
● **Watch on:** ZEE5

CHOR NIKAL KE BHAGA (Hindi)
A flight attendant and her boyfriend plan to steal a cache of diamonds to clear an old debt. But 40,000 feet above the ground, their heist goes wrong and turns into a hostage situation.
Cast: Sunny Kaushal, Yami Gautam
● **Watch on:** Netflix

ASALU (Telugu)
A professor is murdered while he is taking a class to his students on a Zoom call. Officer Ranjith is assigned to this case, he reveals that the situation is much more complicated than it appears with 4 suspects and strong motives. The film dives into knowing who the real killer is.
Cast: Ravi Babu, Poorna
● **Watch on:** Etv

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

KARMA (Gujarati)
Kajal and Rahul were living happy and prosperous life. A single lie by Rahul triggers suspicion in his wife's mind. This leads her to dig deeper into her husband's past.
Cast: Chetan Dhanani, Brinda Trivedi
● **Watch on:** SheemarooMe

ROMANCHAM (Malayalam)
While seven bachelors are living in Bangalore in 2007, Jiby brings out the Ouija board. They attempt to communicate with spirits, and a ghost named Anamika makes contact.
Cast: Arjun Ashokan, Soubin Shahir
● **Watch on:** Disney + Hotstar

FOREIGN

ADAMAS (Korean)
Ha Woo-Shin and Song Soo-Hyun are twin brothers who discover how their step-father died 22 years ago.
Cast: Ji Sung
● **Watch on:** Hotstar

TOKYO REVENGERS SEASON 2 (Japanese)
Hanagaki Takemichi lives an unsatisfying life. He wakes up two years in the past and must race to prevent unfortunate events.
Cast: Takumi Kitamura, Yuki Yamada
● **Watch on:** Disney+Hotstar

TILL THE END OF THE NIGHT (German)
John Davenport thought he had everything: a beautiful house, two adorable children, and Diana, the perfect wife. But Diana hides a dark secret. Now the past is back to haunt them in the form of her violent ex-husband, Drew D'arcy. Drew won't give up until he has destroyed Davenport's World, and John must battle to save it.
Cast: Scott Valentine, Katherine Kelly Lang
● **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

LOVE VILLAGE (Japanese)
The reality series is built on a romantic theme. In order to challenge the possibilities of love developing between them, it shows 16 single people crafted to live together in a house.
Cast: Yutaka Izumihara, Becky, Atsushi Tamura
● **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION	
ZEE5:	₹ 799/ year
Chaupal:	₹ 99/ month
Sun NXT:	₹ 480/ year
Crunchyroll:	₹ 79/ month
SheemarooMe:	₹ 400/3 months
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹ 299/ month
Netflix:	₹ 149/ month
Prime Video :	₹ 179/ month

SMART FEATS

Škoda's top three models check all the right boxes, especially with safety and tech features

LEKSHMI C PILLAI

THE safety rating of cars has become a key selling point nowadays. That is why we see a lot of marketing on the star rating of cars. Czech carmaker Škoda, which has tasted success in the Indian market with its second entry strategy India 2.0, aims to make the market aware of the high safety rating of its Kodiaq, Kushaq and Slavia models.

Among the cars manufactured in India, the Slavia sedan and Kushaq SUV are the ones that got a five-star rating in safety (Global NCAP).

At India's Natrax track in Indore, I got a chance to drive all three models.

The Natrax experience

Natrax is Asia's largest vehicle testing centre. The expansive track enables automakers to perform a wide variety of tests such as coast-down, brake, constant speed fuel consumption, speedometer calibration, noise and vibration measurement and mileage accumulation tests, among others.

The event showcased the safety features of Škoda cars and included emergency braking manoeuvres and off-road abilities. I could drive all three models along the high-speed track, handling-test track and off-road track. Each task demonstrated the agility of the machines.

Kushaq and Slavia proved their high-speed stability, ability to run at three-digit speeds for a long duration, manoeuvrability and competent braking. The two models share the same engine-gearbox combo – a 1.5-litre turbo petrol engine, that produces 150 ps of power, mated with a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. The vehicles never strained to meet our expectations during any of these activities.

Made-in-India Kushaq and Slavia score full five stars for adult and child occupants in the Global NCAP crash tests. Škoda banks on high-strength steel to make the body of these models. They have many features to offer, including scientific design, crumple zones, safety measures like rain-sensing wipers, automatic headlights, tyre-pressure monitoring, multi-collision braking, anti-lock brakes, traction control, electronic stability control, ISOFIX mounts for child seats, top tether anchor points and up to six airbags. And most importantly, pedestrian safety also gets good marks.

The Kodiaq

The seven-seater premium SUV Kodiaq 4x4 is in a different league altogether. It is assembled in India using kits imported from Europe. The vehicle recently scored the highest rating in the Euro NCAP. It comes with a 2-litre turbo petrol engine that produces 190ps power and 320Nm torque. It can accelerate to 100kmph from a standstill in just 7.8 seconds.

XPRESS HIGHWAY
FORTNIGHTLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

I tried my hand on Kodiaq on the 11.6km speed track and an adventurous off-road track. I could feel the utmost confidence in the car's ability and safety even when I touched a speed of 207kmph on the speed track. The vehicle was extremely stable. Though we don't have such an opportunity on our roads, what it proved is the capability to withstand any such extreme conditions.

When we took the Kodiaq to the off-road track, it showed a completely new face. The progressive steering flexes its forces depending on driving conditions and vehicle speed, making it easy to manoeuvre at slow speeds and offering the driver better control at higher speeds.

The Dynamic Chassis Control further adds to the Kodiaq's quiver of features. Apart from allowing the driver to select between eco, comfort, normal, sport, individual and snow modes, DCC also enables the suspension to be raised or lowered by 15mm and hosts an off-road button for enhanced all-terrain abilities when needed.

The car easily went through side inclines, articulation pits, drenches, steep inclines and rocky patches.

Kodiaq is a tech-laden, feature-rich car and comes equipped with nine airbags as standard. The 4x4 includes adaptive front LED headlights, automatic dimming and defogging across all transparent surfaces.

It has electronic, mechanical and hydraulic brake assist, stability control, multi-collision braking and park assist with hands-free parking, among others. In addition, the flagship L&K variant has Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) and a 360-degree camera as standard.

The Kodiaq's price range starts at ₹37.99 lakh. Škoda has allocated 3,000 units of Kodiaq for the Indian market this year. If one wants comfortable travel for seven and to enjoy true SUV characteristics at utmost safety, Kodiaq is highly recommended.

The writer is a freelance auto expert who hosts TV shows and anchors the YouTube channel 'CARKADUVA'

NEW RELEASES

KIA'S MUSCLE PLAY WITH SONET

Kia India has launched a new wild avatar of Sonet as a special edition. The new Aurochs edition comes equipped with petrol and diesel engines, with prices starting at ₹11.85 lakh. It has six exterior design iterations, including a wilder look – a robust front skid plate with tangerine accents on the signature tiger nose grille. The product will be available in four shades. The all-new Aurochs versions are powered by a 1.0-litre turbo-petrol engine that generates 120 hp/172Nm and a 1.5-litre diesel turbo with an output of 116hp/250Nm.

NEW CRYSTA, NEW DESIGN

Toyota has announced prices for the two top grades of the new Innova Crysta. The iconic MPV comes with an enhanced front fascia with a rugged and robust appearance. It is powered by a 2.4 l diesel engine with a five-speed manual transmission. The model comes with two drive modes – eco and power. Safety features include seven SRS airbags, front and rear parking sensors, vehicle stability control, hill-start assist control, anti-lock braking system, electronic brake-force distribution, brake assist and a three-point seatbelt and headrest for improved safety. Ex-showroom prices are as follows: ZX (7S) ₹25.43 lakh, VX (8S) ₹23.84 lakh, VX (7S) ₹23.79 lakh, VX FLT (8S) ₹23.84 lakh, VX FLT (7S) ₹23.79 lakh. Bookings are available for ₹50,000.

JAWA YEZDI MOTORCYCLES

Jawa & Yezdi motorcycles have got an upgrade, including tech enhancements. The changes conform to the BS-VI phase 2 emission norms. The Jawa range, which includes the 42 sports stripe, 42 bobber and perak, now comes with key engine components for better NVH levels. The engine also features a larger throttle body and exhaust ports for improved rideability and performance while keeping emissions under check. The new Jawa 42 now gets an assist & slip clutch. It also gets a redesigned muffler for a better exhaust note. It also comes with an updated digital speedometer and hazard lights as standard. The Yezdi range which includes Roadster, Scrambler and Adventure, has also received similar updates for better NVH and rideability. Further enhancing the low-end performance is a larger rear sprocket on all three models. The motorcycles also get redesigned mufflers for a better exhaust note.

FIT BIT

EXPRESS FEATURES

Akshitha Basavaraju has been appointed as the Fit India Ambassador by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Having made fitness a part of the lifestyle, the title holds a special place.

Without expecting much, Basavaraju had applied for it since sports and fitness has always been her area of interest. "I knew about it but it was my family who persuaded me to apply for it," she, adding, "The basic objective of the title is to promote fitness. I focus on postpartum fitness since that is the time when priorities in a woman's life change."

Giving credit to her family, Basavaraju says if it was not for them, it would not have been easy. "My mother helps me take care of my two sons for one hour when I focus completely on my fitness. Also, my tennis career brought that discipline in me. The game brought in that endurance and stamina that made me fall in love with fitness," she says.

CITY READ

Celebratory times

AICC chairman of SC & ST Department Rajesh Lilothia and Robert Christopher, Congress leader and chairman of Chris Group congratulates newly-appointed deputy chief minister of Karnataka DK Shivakumar.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANUSH GOWDA .R,** aged about 21 Years, S/o H. Rajanna, R/at No.8, Pavithra Nilaya, Hanumanthe Gowda Road, Near Sri Rama Bajana Mandira, Chikkasandra, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 057, have changed my name from **ANUSH R** to **ANUSH GOWDA R** vide Affidavit dated 20th May 2023 bearing E-Stamp Paper Certificate No. IN-KA66827544377836V Sworn before Notary **N. MAHESHA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRASANNA SUKUMARAN** (New Name), D/o. Sukumaran Sahadevan & W/o. J. Thulaseedharan, aged 63 Years, R/at No.373, Anish Villas, Bendappa Colony, New Byappanahalli, Indiranagar Post, Bengaluru-560038, declare that I have changed my name from S. PRASANNA (Old Name) to PRASANNA SUKUMARAN (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as PRASANNA SUKUMARAN (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 20/05/2023 before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at BENGALURU

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Pushpalatha.T.C** W/o Venugopala.S.S, aged about 39 years, presently residing at No. 49, "Srinivasa Nilaya", 1st Floor, 1st Main Road, Near Vidya Vahini School, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560091 hereby by declare that my daughter name is **MANYA.V** in Adhar Card and School Records. But in Passport mentioned as **MANYA VENUGOPALA SOLLAPURA**. So, the above said both names of my daughters Only. the correct name of my daughter is **MANYA.V.** vide affidavit dated **20.05.2023,** sworn before advocate and notary **H.R.KARUNAKARA, Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANUKUMAR P. M.** S/o. P. K. Mani R/a C/o. Basavaraju Building, Apotex Gate No.5, opposite Room 2, #177 & 178, Vabhasandra, Hulimangala, Bommasandra, Bangalore-560099 Have changed my name from **ANIL KUMAR M to ANUKUMAR P. M.** vide affidavit dated 19.05.2023 before notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, D.L. Puttagowramma alias N. Puttagowramma (Adhaar No. 6700 2089 1310) W/o Sri H. Nagaraj Aged about 46 years, R/at No. 195/3, Gollahalli, Anjanapura (P), Bangalore - 560 062, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that D.L. PUTTAGOWRAMMA and N. PUTTAGOWRAMMA both the names are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person, not to different person whatsoever. vide affidavit dated: 12-05-2023 sworn before notary Ambreshappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **FIRDAUS JAHAN** W/o Firoz Ahmed, R/of No.40, Mahalakshmi Nagar, Vittasandra Village, Bettadasanapura Road, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-560114. Do hereby solemnly affirm that my actual and original name is **FIRDAUS JAHAN** but in my SSLC School Records my name is wrongly mentioned as **KM FIRDAUS JAHAN** henceforth my name will be **FIRDAUS JAHAN**, for all legal and practical purposes vide Affidavit dated 11th May 2023 before Advocate and Notary, **K V Mani**, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **AMRITHA G KULKARNI**, D/o. Gurunath Kulkarni, C/o. Sukumar Ramamurthy, Aged about 30 years, Residing at No. 408, 5th C Main, HRBR II Block, Bangalore - 560 043, do hereby declare that, my son's actual name is **MANEET KULKARNI** but in my son's Aadhar Card, his name wrongly mentioned as **MANEET S.** vide affidavit dated 20.5.2023 sworn to before R. Vishwanath, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Doreswamy Naidu .N**, S/o. N. Srinivasulu Naidu, Aged about 53 years, Residing at No. 156, 2nd Cross, Kotthanur Main Road, Near Mariyamma Temple, Harinagar, Anjanapura, Bangalore - 560 062, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **N. Doreswamy Naidu** to **Doreswamy Naidu .N** vide affidavit dated 20.05.2023 sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, Mr. **MANJUNATH .R,** aged 51 years, Son of Ramaiah .H and Mrs. DURGA .M, aged about 44 years, W/o. Manjunath .R, R/at No.87, 2nd Cross, Maharudreshwara Nagara, Kempapura Main Road, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru -560090, Karnataka, India, have changed our Son's Name from his old name **"YASHRAJ M"** to his new name **"YASH AAYUSH M"** vide Affidavit Dated: 20/05/2023 duly Sworn to Before **Sri Ramasanjeevaiah .K.V,** Advocate and Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KALPANA R, aged 34 years, W/o Venkatesh Gowda, R/at Sajjehosahalli, Dodderi Hobli, Madhugiri Taluk, Sajje, Hosahalli, Tumakuru, Pin-572112, have changed my daughter name from VEDA to SINCHANA S V vide affidavit dt. 20/05/2023 before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PUSHPALATHA.T.C.** W/o Venugopala.S.S., aged about 39 years, presently residing at No.49, "Srinivasa Nilaya"1st Floor, 1st Main Road Near Vidya Vahini School, Annapoorneshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560091. hereby declare that my name is **PUSHPALATHA.T.C** in my Aadhar Card & PAN Card, but in my Passport name has been mentioned as **Chandrashekarappa Tarikere Pushpalatha Venugopala**. Both are my names only. But my correct name is **PUSHPALATHA.T.C** vide Affidavit dated **20.05.2023** sworn before advocate and notary **H.R. Karunakara. M.A., LL.B., Bengaluru - 560010.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, LAXMI SUDHAKAR DEORE W/o. Bharath Kumar Nagaraju R/a #11, 2nd Cross, Swimming Pool Extension, Sudheendranagar, Malleswaram, Bangalore- 560003 Have Changed My Name to LAXMI BHARATH vide Affidavit Dated: 15-05-2023 Before Notary K.C. Gowthami, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, SHARIN PUNJA, Age-48 years, and K PRADEEP KUMAR, Age - 54 years, resident of No. A5, CR Shelters, BTM 4th Stage, 1st Block, Deverachikkanahalli, Bangalore-560076 we have changed our daughter's name from SANVI to SAANVI PUNJA vide affidavit dt: 20/05/2023 sworn before advocate and notary C.N. Balasubramanyam, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
This is to declare that I, **KUSHI, D/O SHIVAKUMAR GOUDA,** aged about 18 years, residing at Banavasi Road, Mulagund Colony, Sirsi, Kaneshwari, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka State-581 401, India, have changed my name to **'KHUSHI SHIVAKUMAR GOUDA',** vide Affidavit sworn to before Notary Public, Yankoba, Government of India, Bangalore City, on 20th day of May 2023. Henceforth I wish to be called and known for all acts, deeds and things as **'KHUSHI SHIVAKUMAR GOUDA'.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RADHIKA JAYARAMA REDDY,** Wife of Vinod Kumar N., Aged about 48 years, Residing at No. 1065 M, 4th Floor, N.N.R. Vihara, 13th Main Road, 6th Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Bilekahalli, Bengaluru - 560 076, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RADHIKA JAYARAM** to **RADHIKA JAYARAMA REDDY** vide affidavit dated 19.05.2023 sworn to before Mamatha N.K, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **M.K. SUBRAMANNYAM @ SUBRAMANYAM REDDY .K,** Aged about 69 years, R/at No. 35, 8th Cross, Manjunatha Nagar, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560 023, have changed my name to **K. AR. SUBRAUMANIAM** vide affidavit dated 20.02.2023 before Notary H.S. Salakesh Aradhya, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SOPHIA HEMALATHA ANANDARAJ,** aged about 44 years, D/o M. Anandaraj, R/at No. A003, Mantri Splendor, Hennur Main Road, Geddalahalli, Bangalore-560077, have changed my name to **SOPHIA ANANDARAJ,** vide affidavit dated 18-05-2023 before Notary **K. VENKATESHAN,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **(Nawaz Moinuddin H) S/O (Late M.A.Hannan)** R/O of (Flat no 301, Pariwar Pride Apartment, Anugraha layout, Kodichaikkahalli, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore - 560076) shall henceforth be known as **(Nawaz Hannan Moinuddin)** affidavit no(IN-KA59557778207675V) sworn before Notary (Hegde Ganapati Venkataraman) dated (09May 2023).

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Bhanumathi Hari Krishnan, W/o M. Hari Krishnan, Aged about 53 years, R/at No.12, 2nd Cross, Chiranjeevi Layout, Hebbal, Kempapura, Bangalore North. That I'm having a Passport Vide No. L6019860, my name is mentioned in the above Pass port is as **Banumathi** & all my records having my name as **Bhanumathi Hari Krishnan,** my name in Aadhaar Card No. 5987 1346 0117 also as **Bhanumathi Hari Krishnan,** I hereby declare my name is called as **Bhanumathi Hari Krishnan.** Vide affidavit dated: 17.05.2023, before Notary A. MANJULA, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RUMI PAL (New Name), Residing at Flat No.GB-2101, G-Block, GM Infinite E- City Town, Phase -2, Thirupalya Main Road, Bommasandra, Electronic City Phase 1, Bangalore -560099, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from RUMI DEBASIS BARMAN (Old Name) to RUMI PAL (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as RUMI PAL (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 20/05/2023, before Notary Mohammed Hussain K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, P SHARIN, resident of No. A5, CR Shelters, BTM 4th Stage, 1st Block, Deverachikkanahalli, Bangalore-560076 have changed my name to SHARIN PUNJA vide affidavit dt: 20/05/2023 sworn before advocate and notary C.N. Balasubramanyam, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Harish Pandurang Dhote, S/o. Pandurang Dadaji Dhote, Aged about 37 years, residing at No.30, 1st Floor, Girls School Street, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020 have changed my name from Harish Pandurangrao Dhote to Harish Pandurang Dhote vide affidavit dt: 20/05/2023 sworn before advocate and notary M.S. Satish, Bangalore

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'I'M AMAZED BY MY LUCK'

says Rukmini Vasanth, who speaks to us about her first Tamil debut, a big opportunity to work with Vijay Sethupathi, and vows to give her best

A SHARADHAA

RUKMINI Vasanth, who made her silver screen debut with the Kannada film, *Birbal*, is slowly climbing the ladder of success. With *Banaadariyalli*, starring Ganesh, and Rakshit Shetty's *Sapha Sagaradaache Ello*, lined up next, Rukmini is now all set to make her Tamil debut.

Rukmini has been roped in as the lead in Vijay Sethupathi's next, directed by Arumugakumar (*Oru Nalla Naal Paathu Solren*), and the film was launched in Ipoh, Malaysia. The makers are planning an extensive 40-day schedule in Malaysia. Taking time off her busy schedule, Rukmini shares her excitement about working with Vijay Sethupathi, and stepping into the Tamil film industry.

It is common for actors to star in multiple languages, but it is not always that an actor gets to make her debut opposite a National Award-winning actor like Vijay Sethupathi.

"I am feeling over the moon and it's just a tremendous opportunity to be working with Vijay Sethupathi Sir. I am not trying to put pressure on myself and want to enjoy the process of shooting with such an incredible actor. I am trying not to be awed by everything they do and just stay focused on what I can contribute. I am both excited and nervous," says Rukmini, who tells us that she went through auditions to bag the role. "I also had to get familiar with Tamil, and say a few dialogues as part of my audition, and we just progressed from there," she adds.

But how was it when things finally fell into place? "I know I am capable of a certain kind of performance in Kannada. But I was concerned whether I can provide an equally good performance in Tamil. So when the director was satisfied that I could meet his expectations of the character, it was a major source of encouragement," she says.

On working with Vijay Sethupathi so early in her career, Rukmini says, "I feel extremely lucky. I don't know how well I can express my thoughts. There is gratitude, and I'm amazed by my luck. With these kinds of opportunities, I would like to deliver the best I can," she replies.

Picking a couple of favourites from his stellar filmography, Rukmini says, "It is a tie between *96* and *Super Deluxe*. Being a bit partial towards romantic films, I really loved the gentle and lyrical *96*. But yeah, *Super Deluxe* is an exceptional film too. I love the idea of the ensemble cast in that film, and each character having such a beautiful arc," she says.

Rukmini Vasanth along with Vijay Sethupathi and team

Rukmini, who has begun shooting, says that she is not sure how much she can reveal about the project but assures that the film will be a fun ride. Does Rukmini consider her entry into Kollywood as a milestone? "As an actor, it is my debut, and in that respect, it is a significant milestone. But regardless of the language I am part of, I'm trying to focus on the story and how much I can contribute with my work," she says.

As for Kannada, Rukmini has *Baanadariyalli* getting ready for release and has completed shooting for *Saptha Sagaradaache Ello* directed by Hemanth M Rao. "I still have a few portions left for *Bagheera*. Thankfully, Sriimurali, the lead hero, who suffered an injury, has recovered. We should be moving on to that project soon," she signs off.

Rukmini Vasanth

Rishi

RISHI STEPS INTO ACTION ZONE WITH DIRECTOR NANDISH'S FILM

The project is set to commence on June 2, with the production company and cast being unveiled on the same day

Nandish

CE FEATURES

RISHI, known for his roles in *Operation Alamelamma* and *Kavaaludaari*, is known for his choice of scripts. While the actor is awaiting the release of *Ramana Avatara,* he is currently committed to the sets of Prashant Rajappa's next, which also stars Prakash Belawadi. Meanwhile, his next venture will be a big-budget bilingual film in Kannada and Telugu. The film will be helmed by KS Nandish, who previously directed *Dear Vikram*, featuring Ninasam Sathish. The project is set to commence on June 2, with the production company and cast being unveiled on the same day.

Confirming his collaboration with Nandish, Rishi describes the film as a social drama with a ample of action, which is a significant departure from his usual zone of simple and humorous roles. Reflecting on his film journey, Rishi states, "Comedy has never been my comfort zone. However, I started off with a subject like *Operation Alamelamma* because I didn't want to limit myself to a specific genre. I wanted to adapt to stories that have the potential to entertain the viewers, regardless of whether they were initially written for me. Through this process, I discovered that I can handle comedy as well. Now, I am getting into my zone, doing something I enjoy. Action allows me to convey force and intensity through my character, and it will be an advantage. The subject aligns with the present times, and more details will be revealed on June 2. We will launch the film soon, however, shooting for the film will begin only after the release of *Ramana Avatara*." he says.

Rishi stresses the importance of creating content that appeals to the entire audience in theaters. "While *Ramana Avatara* is geared towards providing mass entertainment, my upcoming film with Nandish will delve into an intense dimension," he says.

In addition to his collaboration with Nandish, Rishi has another project in the pipeline with Mohan Singh. With a promising lineup, Rishi hopes that the same reflects at the box office. "I am confident in my lineup; the only delay was in the execution process. Finally, I will be glad to be out with projects one after another," he says.

Connectivity issues plague *Love You Abhi* hindering its potential

A SHARADHAA

ORIGINAL web series content in Kannada is scarce as there are only dubbed content in the language. Finally, the Kannada industry gets its own web series (currently streaming on Jio Cinema) featuring Vikram Ravichandran and Aditi Prabhudeva.

The story revolves around young and charismatic industrialist Shiva (Vikram Ravichandran), who becomes enamored with and eventually marries Abhi (played by Aditi Prabhudeva), a widowed woman whose former husband's death remains shrouded in mystery.

As Abhi begins to appreciate Shiva's goodness, the revelation that her first husband's death was not accidental but a murder adds a new twist to the story, and when Police Officer Shiradi Shekhar (Ravi Shankar), comes into the picture, things get more interesting and the stage is set for an exciting showdown between Shiva and Shiradi Shekhar. Is Abhi truly innocent, or does she possess hidden secrets? What compels Shiva's profound love for her? And what lies beneath the circumstances surrounding the murder? These questions serve as the core essence of *Love You Abhi*.

The initial two episodes of this web series progress at a slow pace, taking time to lay the groundwork. However, the story gains momentum soon after. *Love You Abhi* by Kali Velayuddham encompasses all the necessary elements of a thriller. But the screenplay suffers from connectivity issues, causing some disjointed moments. The director could have put in more effort to make it visually captivating. Some elements reminiscent of television serials crop up at times. Technically, it could have been more polished. Currently, crime, explicit scenes, and vulgar dialogues dominate much of the content on OTT platforms. Thankfully, *Love You Abhi* stands out by avoiding such themes, and making it family-friendly. The background music also complements the story effectively.

LOVE YOU ABHI

Director: Kali Velayuddham

Cast: Vikram Ravichandran, Aditi Prabhudeva, and Ravi Shankar

RATING 2/5

Vikram Ravichandran, who is relatively new to the film industry with only one film *Trivikrama* under his belt, takes on a challenging role in his first web series, *Love You Abhi,* and has managed to display a decent performance. Similarly, Aditi Prabhudeva too gives her best. Ravi Shankar delivers a notable cameo as a police officer, while Rachita Mahalakshmi's brief role leaves an impression. Srinath, Ambika, Sundar Raj, Vinaya Prasad, and Kempegowda skillfully handle their respective roles.

In conclusion, *Love You Abhi* is a watchable mystery thriller, which might be flawed, but is a good start to the Kannada web series space.

CE FEATURES

THE SUSPENSE THRILLER WILL ALSO BE DIRECTOR VARDHAN'S FIRST OUTING

Paaru serial actor Sharath Padmanabh makes silver screen debut

SHARATH Padmanabh is the next in line of actors who have made a successful transition from television serials to films. The actor, known for his popular role in the serial *Paaru,* now makes his entry in Vardhan MH's suspense thriller.

Vardhan, a filmmaker with a diploma in filmmaking, has previously directed a documentary called *Honnu Bithyaro* on farmers, which earned him several awards. This upcoming project will be his directorial debut in a feature film.

Providing an update about the film, Vardhan revealed that although the yet-to-be-titled project is primarily a suspense thriller, the first half of the movie has a strong comic undertone. "The film takes place in both the city and crucial portions set inside the forest. We have identified locations in Bengaluru, Sakleshpura, and Madikere," said the director.

The first schedule of filming has been completed, and the team will soon resume shooting for the next set of scenes.

Anoosha Krishna, the lead actor of *Mary, Moji, Brahmi,* and the yet-to-be-released *Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare,* plays the female lead in this film. The music will be composed by Ronada Bakkesh, while the cinematography will be handled by debutant MK Raj.

Vardhan

Sharath Padmanabh